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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-20.

Concerning the socks purchased for victim in the above
entitled matter and with particular reference to reports of Special
Agent Charles Jenkin, Chicago, dated 2-21-34 and Special Agent W. A.
Jamison, Chicago, 2-24-34, and letter to the Director from the
Chicago office dated 2-19-34, it is desired that the list of stores
purchasing the Cluett-Peabody shirt and the underwear be presented in
the report of Special Agent Jamison and in the Chicago letter be
checked at the Chicago Mail Order Company, Chicago, and the Gem
Hosiery Company of Milwaukee in an effort to determine from the
records of the above two concerns, which establishments named in the
Chicago letter to the Director and the report of Special Agent Jamison
also sell the socks in question.

It is realized that such investigation will entail considerable
detail work but it is considered highly important to this case and
should be completed at the earliest possible moment to make available
a list of dealers handling the socks and shirt, the socks and underwear,
or the socks, shirt, and underwear.

The above request is in supplement to my letter of February
26, 1934, relative to the same matter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BURN
Inspector.

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Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
March 5, 1934.

7:24 PM
Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Kindly refer to Chicago letter to the Division dated February 17, 1934, wherein are listed dealers in garments in various field office districts of the type believed to have been furnished Victim Bremer by the kidnapers at the time of his release.

In view of the information in the first paragraph of Page 15 of that letter, no canvass has been made to date of the dealers located in this district, such canvass awaiting instructions from your office or from the Division; however, to be clear whether such a canvass nevertheless be desired, I am writing at this time for your advice relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Suite 1 -
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL
GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Please refer to your telegram to this office dated February 27, 1934, requesting that photographs and fingerprints of Paula Harmon, alias Mrs. C. P. Harmon, Leota Graham, Charles Harmon and Jim Harmon be obtained from Council Bluffs, Iowa, and furnished your office.

Pursuant to my instructions, the requested information was sent direct to you by Special Agent J. L. Flood, resident Agent at Omaha, Nebraska, under date of March 1, 1934.

For the information of the Division and the St. Paul office, I am attaching copies of this letter for those offices, (i. e., copy of Agent Flood's letter, mentioned above), hereto.

Photostatic copies of the photographs and fingerprints mentioned in Agent Flood's letter have been retained at this office. It is suggested that your office furnish the Division and the St. Paul office with copies of the photographs and fingerprints referred to.

Immediately upon receipt of any further information relative to the location of Miss Leota Graham, you will be advised.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Omaha, Neb.,
March 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Re: Unknown subjects.
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sirs:

Acting Agent in Charge, W. C. Spear, Kansas City, Mo., Division office, telephonically advised me last night, to secure photographs and copies of fingerprints of the following individuals at the office of the Sheriff, Council Bluffs, Iowa:

Mrs. C. P. Harmon, S.O. #1808, Council Bluffs, Iowa.		
Leet: Graham, S. O. #1804	do	do
Charles P. Harmon, S.O. #1805,	do	do
James Ira Harmon, S.O. #1806,	do	do

In accordance with the instructions of Mr. Spear, I am mailing you, photographs and fingerprints of the above named individuals. The Subjects were arrested at Rock Island, Illinois on 2-25-1924, and brought to Council Bluffs, to answer a charge of robbing a Postoffice at Underwood, Iowa. Mrs. Harmon and Miss Graham were not prosecuted. Mr. W. E. Bridges, Special Agent, Railway Express Company, Omaha, Neb., who participated in the capture of the above individuals, advised me that F. A. Burke, Special Agent in Charge, Railway Express Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, has the Express Company file in this case. However, Mr. Bridges recalled that when Leta Graham was released from custody, her mother, who resides at Ralston, Nebraska, took Miss Graham back to that town. Mr. Bridges advised that Miss Graham was once employed as a barber in the Loyal Hotel Barber Shop, and will possibly be following up this kind of employment. Investigation is now being conducted to locate Miss Graham, and you will be advised of the results thereof.

Very truly yours,

**J.L. Flood,
Special Agent.**

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Mo.
March 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al
EDWIN GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

There are being transmitted herewith copies of a letter received by this office from Sheriff A. W. Webb of Bridgeport, Nebraska. Altho there is nothing to definitely indicate that the facts set out therein may be of value to you in the instant investigation, the same is submitted for any help it may be.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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OFFICE OF
SHERIFF OF MOHILL COUNTY, NEBRASKA
BRIDGEPORT, NEBRASKA

February 12th, 1934

Agent in Charge,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Since the Bremer kidnapping case, I have had a hunch which probably is of no value and on the other hand it might be alright. At least I believe the Department should have the information.

Winfred H. Moore and his brother, Henry Moore, have been for the past five or six years, bootleggers and moonshiners in my county. They have not been small timers in the game but have done a big business for this kind of country. I have caught Winfred Moore several times and between his losses of liquor and alcohol and his fines and attorneys fees, he has nearly gone broke. I never have had Henry Moore but he has one liquor conviction in Grand Island, I believe. Their operations have been all over western Nebraska and part of South Dakota.

On the 6th of December, 1933, Winfred Moore was picked up in Minneapolis for investigation. It is stated that he had over \$1300 in cash and a gun on him. I do not know what else the Police had on him nor if he was immediately released. But the fact that he was in Minneapolis shortly before the Bremer kidnapping, together with the fact that he and his brother know the South Dakota and western Nebraska county so well, makes me wonder if he might have had something to do with it.

Both of these men are smart enough to be in on a deal of this kind if they were connected up with others.

Whether this information is of any value to you or not, I do not know. But I thought there was a possibility of this fitting in with something else, and if so, would be worth investigation.

Assuring the Department of my co-operation at any time, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) A. M. WEBB - Sheriff

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al;
George Edward Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping.

Please refer to letter from the Detroit office to this office under date of February 19, 1934, transmitting the original letter received by the Detroit Police Department from W. C. Choplin, 5119 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 16, 1934.

Please be advised that Special Agent G. F. Hurley of this office interviewed Mr. Choplin, who is employed as a mail-carrier at the Post Office located at 5119 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri; Mr. Choplin's present residence being at Lexington Road and Dickinson, Independence, Missouri.

Mr. Choplin advised that during the time Victim Bremer was missing, Choplin became suspicious of a party residing at 801 East Armour Blvd., Kansas City, Mo., which address is that of a hotel, the individual's name being Lewis Green. During the time in question, Green received registered mail almost daily from San Francisco, New York, Chicago and Sioux City, Iowa; however, after Victim Bremer was released at Rochester, Minnesota, the registered mail for Green from the above mentioned points ceased.

Green also mailed out several packages during that time and the packages contained some clothes lining; all of Green's packages were addressed rather peculiarly, that is, Green would underline heavily certain letters of the address and would intersperse the letters with dots and lines. Mr. Choplin thought that possibly the above peculiar writing was some sort of a code.

Green is described as being about 45 years of age; 5 feet, 11 inches tall, about 160 pounds in weight, raw-boned and has dark freckles. His wife, Louise, lives with him at the above mentioned address.

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On one occasion, Green got out of a Chevrolet Coupe bearing Illinois license plates.

Mr. Choplin became suspicious of the above individual, but there appears to be no definite information to indicate that Green was concerned in the instant case and hence, further inquiries are not being made by this office, unless on specific request from the office of origin in this case.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SP. AR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 9, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE:

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Kindly refer to your telegram to this office under date of February 26, 1934, requesting that it be ascertained whether Ford Roadster, Motor No. A 514 721 had been registered this year in the State of Iowa under the name of Edward B. Bell, or any other name.

This will confirm telegraphic reply directed to you by Special Agent Dewey from Des Moines to the effect that no record was found of the registration of the above described car at the State Automobile Department, Des Moines, Iowa.

Agent Dewey advises me that in his wire to you, he requested that you check back the above motor number, which contains only six figures, indicating that the car was either a 1927 or 1928 model Ford Roadster.

The 1934 Registration Records have not all been brought up to date yet, but it is believed that the same will be brought up to date within two weeks. Accordingly, Agent Dewey placed a stop notice in the files there, in order that he would be immediately notified should the above described motor number appear. You are advised that no alphabetical index is kept in the State of Iowa of registrants of automobiles according to the owner's name.

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Agent Dewey advises me that as a possible source of information, he also checked the records of the State Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, but was unable to find any information relative to Edward B. Heller.

Very truly yours,

H. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

In reply to your letter of February 28, 1934, the man referred to in your letter, from the description and his connection in St. Paul, is evidently Frank Thompson, who has been prominently connected in St. Paul and was in Oklahoma City at approximately the time referred to in your letter. Please make investigation at once at the Baltimore Hotel at Oklahoma City and get a complete list of all telephone calls received and sent out from his room during his stay at Oklahoma City.

Please explain more fully the sentence in your letter of February 28th which reads, "Mr. Deppenbrink stated that it is the theory of his informant that this man Thompson from St. Paul may be in on the kidnaping, and that he permitted his account to be drawn upon for the sum of \$50,000, and that he would share the rest of the ransom money." It is true that Frank Thompson and Walter Magee are friends; however, they are not known to be very intimate, and the statement in your letter which refers to Thompson as permitting his account to be drawn upon and then sharing in part of the ransom is not exactly clear. Please furnish this office with the above requested information immediately.

Very truly yours,

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Bureau of Investigation
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 3, 1934.

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Kindly refer to telegram from Special Agent in Charge Hanni, of St. Paul, to this office under date of February 27, 1934, requesting that the handwriting, other than that of signatures, of James Lawson, Kansas State Penitentiary #3908, Alvin Karpis, Kansas State Penitentiary #1539, and Fred Barker, Kansas State Penitentiary #9836, be obtained and furnished to the Division.

You are respectfully advised that efforts at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, and previous efforts at the State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, have reflected that there are no handwriting specimens on file at those institutions of Karpis and Barker other than their signatures. The Division is advised that efforts have also been made at the State Parole Attorney's Office, Topeka, Kansas, in an endeavor to obtain specimens of the handwriting of Karpis and Barker, but likewise no specimens were found there.

[redacted] an informant in behalf of this office in an endeavor to locate Alvin Karpis, [redacted]

but likewise has been unable to find any. Further efforts will be made by this office in an endeavor to obtain specimens of the above named individuals' handwritings through contact with the various county offices from which counties these individuals were sentenced to penal institutions.

There is transmitted herewith a three page specimen of the handwriting of James Lawson above named.

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Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DWARREN
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Lansing Kansas
Feb 27, 1934

My name is Jim Lawson and this is a specimen of my handwriting which I am furnishing at the request of a special agent of the Division of Investigation United States Dept. of Justice.

I was born a few miles from the town of Exeter Missouri, "County of Berry," My father's name was Neal Lawson. My mother's name was Ella Erwin Lawson. My father died in 1907 or 1908 and my mother remarried to L. A. McArthur. They both now live at rural route #2, Box 21, Chico, California.

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I am thirty-two years of age, have been married once to Mildred Hall, but am now divorced, I think. We have no children. My wife's father lives in Nevada, Missouri.

I have been requested to write the names of the months of the year, and they are as follows:—

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

The capital letters of the alphabet are as follows:— A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z. A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z.

The small letters of the alphabet are as follows:— a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z. a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z.

I attended high school for the better part of two years. I spent part of this time in the Sepulpa High School and part in the Kiefer High School.

The months of the year are as follows:—

January	July
February	August
February	September
March	October
April	November
May	December
June	

Signed: Tim Loman. 15

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 2, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MAR 2 1934 PM

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.
Edward George Bremer, Victim,
Kidnaping.

On February 28, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Blake of
the Dallas office called me by long distance telephone and stated
that Agent Dowd at Pampa, Texas had learned

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that
according to an interview with the Gibson woman, under pretext, she
told Agent Dowd that Harry Campbell is supposed to be in and out of
Tulsa. Mr. Blake stated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] tentatively identified the photograph
of Harry Campbell as the person [REDACTED] but that
little credence is put in this.

Agent Hollis at Tulsa conducted investigation in this
matter and learned that Mrs. J. T. Keister is the wife of one J. T.
Keister, who at one time was more or less well connected in the oil
business, but such is not the case of late; that Keister, or Kiester,
and his wife are now living in an apartment house in Tulsa, the address
of which Agent Hollis will furnish me, but that they no longer have
offices in the Tulsa Trust Building.

Agent Hollis was able to learn [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Reference is made to a letter from the San Antonio office to this office, dated February 27, 1934, in this case relating to Johan Armour of Miami, Oklahoma. Information from other sources has reached this office to the effect that this woman is an alleged sweetheart or girl friend of Fred Barker, and efforts have been made, and are now being made, to determine her whereabouts. Her mother, a Mrs. Aiken, is allegedly residing in Commerce, Oklahoma.

The Mrs. Chastain of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, the mother of Bob Chastain, an alleged inmate of the McAlester Penitentiary, will be discreetly investigated, as well as the tourist camp supposed to be on the Sand Springs Road near the Arkansas River Bridge, operated by one "Goggle Eye", will also be given appropriate attention. These matters are mentioned in the letter from San Antonio.

A report of Agent F. S. Dunn of Dallas, February 28, 1934, in this case sets forth that Ed Weatherford, Detective of the Fort Worth Police Department, obtained information from one of his informants relative to a hideout between Nowata, Oklahoma and Coffeyville, Kansas, and which is known to Henry Lowery, Sheriff of Nowata, and that this hideout is alleged to be operated by an ex-chaplain of the Army. Sheriff Lowery is well known to Agent Hollis and has always cooperated with this Division. Agent Hollis has recently contacted him in respect to this case and I have again instructed him to get in touch with Sheriff Lowery in respect to this matter. Agent Hollis has informed me that Sheriff Lowery would be interested in apprehending the Barkers, or any member of this gang, and that in his conversations and contacts with Lowery, he has never mentioned this hideout. Developments with respect thereto will be promptly forwarded.

On the evening of March 1st, Agent Hollis, stationed at Tulsa, informed me that Malissa Bevan of Tulsa, previously mentioned in correspondence from this office, has informed him that Harry Campbell has a girl friend, whose first name is Winona and whose last name she does not know, and that this girl formerly was around Tulsa and that Campbell was exceedingly fond of her. Malissa Bevan does not know the present whereabouts of Winona. Agent Hollis also informed me that Earl Gardner, Detective of the Tulsa Police Department, informed him that Harry Campbell had a girl friend known as Winona Burdette and that some two or three, or more months ago he picked up Winona in Tulsa; that Winona's brother, Art Burdette, told Gardner that if he would not photograph and fingerprint Winona, he would do something for him sometime; that is, that he would put the "finger" on Harry Campbell. Gardner said that Art Burdette plays in what is known as the Oklahoma Cowboys' Band, now

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supposed to be playing at Port Huron, Michigan, and that this band usually plays at second-rate theatres and has only short engagements; that Winona Burdette is not in Tulsa at this time; that she and Art are exceedingly fond of each other and it is thought she might be with him.

Gardner described Winona as: 5' 4"; Weight, 120-125; Dark Brown Hair, wears it in a long bob; Medium Light Complexion; very good looking.

Gardner did not state whether he thought it would be advisable to approach Art Burdette, but that he is of the opinion that possibly Winona is with Art and that Campbell may contact her, or she may be hearing from him. This information was furnished Mr. Larson of the Detroit office by telephone on the night of March 1st.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brentley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Dallas
San Antonio
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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,
et al. Edward G. Bremer,
victim, Kidnapping.
St. Paul File #7-50
Kansas City File #7-57

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 23, 1934 captioned as above and requesting investigation at the Western Auto Supply Co., at Des Moines, Ia. in effort to ascertain if several film lenses had been purchased at this store by any one person.

Agent L. D. Nichols of the Kansas City Office previously made this investigation, but was unable to ascertain that any of these lenses in quantities of two, three, or more had been sold to any one person, however, to make sure that this lead had been fully covered, I interviewed the Assistant Manager J. Price and he advised me that all the sales tickets are forwarded to Kansas City every fifteen days, and that from his previous questioning of all the employees he had been unable to ascertain that several of these lenses had been sold to any one person. With the aid of Mr. Price, I called every one of the salesmen to his office and there questioned them individually and showed them the pictures of Karpis, Barker, et al. but none of the salesmen could identify any of these men. One salesman, Lawrence McKinney, advises that some time ago something about these film lenses came up, but he is unable to recall now just what it was. It was Mr. Price's recollection that some man came in and wanted one or more of these lenses in a smaller size, and he showed to him how they could be cut down to any size desired. Mr. Price was unable to recall just how many lenses this party took, what his description was, or just when this transaction took place. I think both Mr. Price and Mr. McKinney are honest and square in their statements that they do not recall the full transaction, they have a very busy store here. I am having the Kansas City Office see Mr. W. W. Murphy, General Salesmanager, 2107 Grand Ave., Kansas City, Mo. to check the sales slips of the Des Moines store to find out if any number of these film lenses were sold, the date, and by whom.

I am returning herewith the film lenses that was enclosed in your letter.

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Very truly yours,

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O. C. Dewey,
Special Agent.

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801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri,
February 28, 1934.

Mr. W. L. Noah,
Inspector in Charge,
Post Office Department,
Federal Building,
St. Louis, Missouri,

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of
February 26, 1934 with which you enclosed a
number of circulars concerning Thomas Carroll.

I desire to thank you for your kind
cooperation in securing these circulars for
the use of this Division.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Alt called from Tampa (5:00 P. M.). He asked whether a copy of the report in the LaBue case, which report contains information relative to the alleged leak in the St. Paul office, should be sent to the St. Paul office. He was instructed to send the report to Mr. Borer, at St. Paul, under confidential cover.

Mr. Alt stated that LaBue stated that he could advise where Gus held out in Chicago if we could get a map of the city of Chicago. He was instructed to wire Chicago and request that a copy of the map be sent him.

Mr. Alt stated that Agent Main would have to leave Tampa to conduct the investigations in Pensacola. He stated that Agent Kingman would remain at Jacksonville until the 27th, at which time he, Mr. Alt, would probably be through at Tampa.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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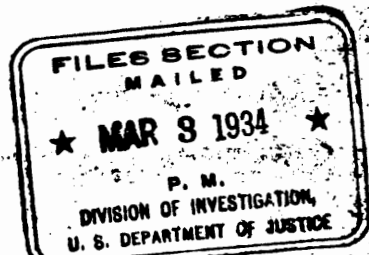
Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, the laboratory has read the report of Special Agent J. R. Welles, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 22, 1934. This report indicates that the Shell shields are counterfeit corroborating statements made by Shell employees at St. Paul.

If this is so it is the conclusion of the laboratory that the signs were prepared by persons with considerable experience as sign painters. In other words the counterfeiting was done by professionals. It is possible, therefore, that the kidnapers employed some sign painters to do the work or maintain a shop possibly for painting stolen automobiles or those used in crimes and the employees of this shop could have made the signs. These conclusions are based upon the fact that the lettering was done with a broad brush of the kind sign painters use. The strokes are those of the sign painter and the knowledge of paint displayed is professional. Of course, the metal backgrounds could have been easily cut from sheet metal. This type of metal is used by roofers, plumbers, and sheet metal workers.

Very truly yours,



CC - SAC Chicago.

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P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
March 3, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Director, dated February 26, 1934, a copy of which was received here, in which a description is given of an individual who appears to have some connection with the delivery of one of the ransom notes in this case.

It occurs to me that the description given in many respects appears to be a description of Volney Davis, a photograph of whom is already in possession of the Division. Should any information be obtained to the effect that any other individual of whom we know here or may learn fits this description, and his photograph is available, the same will be procured and immediately transmitted to the Division.

With respect to the further efforts of this office to obtain specimens of handwriting other than signatures of Doc Barker, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell, please be advised that many efforts of this office to obtain such specimens have been unproductive of any results.

Very truly yours,

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Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 27, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re : ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith two letters
addressed to Adolph Bremer and to the Jacob Schmidt Brewing
Company, both written at Winnipeg, Canada. There is also
enclosed

This matter was handled
on request of this office prior to
the arrival of Mr. Rorer.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 20, 1934.

MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
MR. LOCKE.....
MR. ROBER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Alt called from Tampa (2:50 P. M.) He advised that they had secured a detailed statement from LaRue regarding the Woolverton kidnaping from the beginning to the end but that he would not sign the statement; that he positively will not sign anything; that he will plead guilty to any of the charges but will not sign any statements.

Mr. Alt stated that Agent Anderson advised that while talking to LaRue, LaRue asked him whether any of the information furnished by him would be sent to the St. Paul office, stating that if it were it would be too bad for him; that just as soon as information reaches our St. Paul office it is but a short time until it goes out to Jack Pfifer and Tom Banks and that by this leak these men are always one jump ahead of anything that goes on in St. Paul. Mr. Alt was instructed to question LaRue further in this connection.

LaRue stated that he is almost positive that Gus Stone is the man we should be looking for in the Kansas City massacre case; that he was the trigger man and used the machine gun; that further there is a man now serving a life sentence in Canyon City, Colorado, who is acquainted with Gus, by the name of "Red" and that he would not be hard to locate. He further advised that it was believed that Jud was the individual who "bumped off" Gus Winkler.

Mr. Alt was asked if LaRue had been questioned about Barker and Karpis. He stated that LaRue advised that he does not know them and he cannot identify their photographs. LaRue advised that George Kelly was the only one in with him on the Woolverton case. Mr. Alt was asked if LaRue gave the actual part he played in the Lincoln bank case. He stated that he had; that he had admitted it freely. Mr. Alt stated that he believed LaRue would prove to be a valuable contact later.

Mr. Alt asked if, after completing his work there, Agent Anderson could come to Washington to discuss various angles of this case, the Bremer case and the Kansas City massacre case, which had come up. He was told to have Agent Andersen put all of his information in writing and forward it to the Division.

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I asked Mr. Alt about his statement to Mr. Cowley last night about releasing one Agent assigned there. He said it looked last night like this could be done, but that they had received a lead last night that required running out in St. Petersburg; that they had been advised about some man going to a hotel there in January making inquiry about LaRue's wife's sister and that this would have to be followed. I asked how many Agents he has there now and he stated that he had seven. He will send Agents Scott and Austin back to Birmingham tonight. He was instructed to get all of the Agents from Birmingham back just as soon as possible.

Mr. Alt inquired as to whether I knew where LaRue would be moved. I told him that this depended upon the decision of the Department, which would be made after the reports had been received from him; that when the reports were received they would be submitted to the Department for a decision as to the charge on which he would be prosecuted. Mr. Alt is to have a stenographer from the Jacksonville office report to him tomorrow morning to take the reports and he was instructed to send them to Washington just as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

The Special Agents engaged in questioning Edward Doll alias Eddie Lahee, now in custody at Tampa, Florida, have informed the Division that Lahee had indicated that if any of the information furnished by him should reach the St. Paul Office of the Division it would seem to be known to Jack Pfeifer and Tom Banks in St. Paul, as there was a leak in the St. Paul Office of this Division.

Under ordinary circumstances I would not attribute any particular importance to the statement of this confessed criminal, but I desire to invite your attention to the fact that similar information has been received from George Barnes, alias "Machine Gun Kelly", and on another occasion from Kathryn Kelly, and such information has likewise been received by a Special Agent of the Division in Little Rock, Arkansas, and in one other section of the Oklahoma City Office territory.

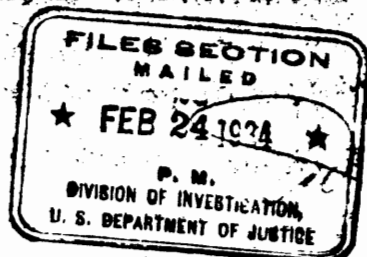
Since the information came from five different sources independently, it was felt that some action should be taken, and I am taking this occasion to call this matter to your personal and confidential attention so that you may be on the alert to notice anything which would indicate a basis for the allegations.

I shall be glad to have you communicate immediately with me if there has occurred anything to cause you to feel that such a basis might exist or in the event any additional circumstances should appear to attach any significance to these allegations.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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BREKID BUICK AUTOMOBILE MENTIONED WINSTEADS REPORT WRECKED BEFORE

PAULA LEFT BEAUMONT AND REPOSSESSED BY DEALER

Paula Harmon

BLAKE.

MR. NATHAN
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Tampa, Florida

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MR. Nathan
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MR. Rorer

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Director
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

During the morning of February 20, 1934, Edward Doll, Identification Order 1214, in custody here, sent word that he wanted to see Special Agent H. E. Andersen immediately. Andersen called at the County Jail where Doll informed him that there was a leak in the Saint Paul Division Office. He requested that information he had previously furnished Agents at Tampa be withheld from the Saint Paul Office, stating that if said office obtained it it would soon be in the hands of Saint Paul gangdom; that in some manner he did not know Jack Pfeiffer and Tom Banks, gangsters known to the Division, Admiral Hotel, Minneapolis, are able to secure information from the Saint Paul Office regarding all investigations in that office, and for these reasons he stated he was reluctant to impart information to Agents for if Saint Paul gangdom learned that he was talking it would mean his life, inside or out.

On February twenty-second, Doll advised Agent Andersen after studying over the contacts with Pfeiffer and Banks he remembered that they secured their information regarding the Saint Paul Office files from one Summer, formerly employed either by the Pinkerton or the Burns Detective Agencies in Saint Paul. Doll did not know from whom Summer obtained his information.

He also informed that at the time the Division was looking for Keating and Holden a telephone call went out from the Twin Cities to them at Kansas City telling them they had better stay off golf courses as the Government had them spotted. Keating

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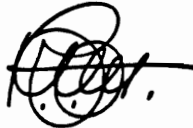
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and Holden ignored the warning and simply changed apartments and golf courses. He stated this information is straight. He was emphatic in his statement that he knew what he was talking about and said it is the truth without a doubt.

Agent Andersen stated that while in Oklahoma City last September, both Kelley and Bates informed him that there was a leak in the Saint Paul Office; that Chief of Detectives Herbert Dutch Akers, Hot Springs, Arkansas, within recent months has also remarked to him there was a leak of information somewhere in the Division, but that he did not profess to know where it was. Because of the reputation of Akers, no credence was placed in his statement at that time. While in Oklahoma City, Agent Andersen called the statements of Bates and Kelley to the attention of Mr. Harold Nathan.

I am passing this on to you for what it might be worth. As soon as this was brought to my attention, I gave it to Mr. Clegg by long distance telephone.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the Division's request that you observe closely any indication that there is a leak in the St. Paul office of this Division, there is inclosed herewith, as an aid to you in handling this matter, a copy of a communication which the Division has received from Special Agent in Charge Alt, at Tampa, Florida, dated February 22, 1934.

It is desired that this matter be gone into thoroughly by you during your stay at St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

Incl. 691232.

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Des Moines, Ia.
February 23, 1934.

Mr. Werner Kamm,
Division of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
203 Federal Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re Unknown subjects
Edward G. Bremer - victim
Kidnaping - K.C. 77-57

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith further transcript of conversation heard over the telephones being covered in this city. You will note where I have marked with red pencil the first mention of the Bremer case; however, this appears only to be the fact that Mr. Lynch met the Bremer family at Inglewood several years ago.

Very truly yours

CC-Kansas City

cc Division

O. C. Dewey
Special Agent.

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, WITH ALIASES, ET AL
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Kindly refer to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, to this office, under date of February 25, 1934, wherein he instructed that the Division should be requested to place the fingerprints of any associates or members of the Karpis-Barker gang known to this office in the single fingerprint file for comparison with unidentified latent fingerprints obtained in the instant case.

The Division's attention is respectfully invited to Kansas City Letter dated February 17, 1934, to the Division, in the case of "VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER", wherein are listed eighteen individuals, some of whom, of course, are suspects in the instant kidnaping case. As the Kansas City Office at that time furnished photographs of all these individuals to the Division it is suggested that any names, the fingerprints of which have not previously been placed in the single fingerprint file, should be so placed at the present time for comparison with unidentified latent fingerprints in the Bremer case.

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Very truly yours

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M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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BREKID GAP REFERRED TO REPORT OF HIRSH FEBRUARY TWENTY SEVENTH MANUFACTURED
YARNUS GAP COMPANY INCORPORATED TWO SIX WAVERLY PLACE NEWYORK UNKNOWN
QUANTITY SHIPPED BETWEEN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER LAST LAUMERMAN BROTHERS
SEVENTEEN THIRTEEN DUNLAP AVENUE MARINETTE WISCONSIN

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1900 BANKERS BLDG
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BREKID GOGGLES MANUFACTURED CHICAGO EYE SHIELD COMPANY TWO THREE HUNDRED
WARREN BOULEVARD CHICAGO KNOWN AS WELDERS GOGGLES TO BE WORN OVER GLASSES
CATALOGUED AS INDUSTRIAL GOGGLE NUMBER FIVE TWO FOUR QUOTE M AND L UNQUOTE
CAP AND GOGGLES BEING FORWARDED YOU TODAY
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
1900 Bankers Building,

CHARGE,

Chicago, Illinois, March 2, 1934

8:00 P.M.

D. BRANTLEY,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

BREKID ME MY TELEGRAM TO YOU REGARDING TELEPHONE CALL TO DOROTHY BLAYDON
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AGENT M. E. ANDERSON LEFT TAMPA ONE OCLOCK TODAY ENROUTE
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*Edward J. Bremer
Chicago & Co.*

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Room 1403,
370 Lexington Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

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March 5, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In a sealed envelope attached hereto there are
being forwarded for a general laboratory examination the following
original papers:

Letter on letterhead of James M. Power
Democratic Club, Inc., signed Jim Jack
Perrin.

Envelope of James M. Power Democratic
Club, Inc., addressed to Louise Marolda,
Yukon, Fla.

The letter and envelope have been handled by numerous
persons in the James M. Power Democratic Club, Inc., and at the office
of James M. Power, as well as by Special Agent George J. Starr, of
this office. The notation written in ink on the envelope has no
bearing on the matter under investigation, having been made inadvertent-
ly at the office of Mr. Power.

It is suggested that the handwriting of the enclosed
communication be compared with the handwriting of the original communi-
cation signed James M. Powers, which was forwarded to the Division for
general laboratory examination with a letter from this office dated
February 9, 1934.

A copy of this letter together with a photostatic copy
of the enclosed communication are being forwarded to the St. Paul
office for the information of that office.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Special Agent in Charge

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Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects
Edward G. Bremer- Victim
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Number:

Specimens: 1 letter on letterhead of James M. Power Democratic Club,
signed Jim Jack Perrin.
Envelope of James M. Power Democratic Club, Inc., addressed
to Louise Marolda, Yukon, Fla.

Examination requested by: New York Division Office

Date received: March 9, 1934

Examination requested: Handwriting

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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There are differences which seem to indicate Jim Jack Perrin did not write letter to Bremer signed Bremer. If possible get more specimens in indg.

From
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

To

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

MR. TOLSON

MR. COWLEY

MR. EDWARDS

MR. GALT

MR. QUINN

MR. LESTER

MR. LOOMIS

MR. NOBLE

MEMORANDUM

The Attorney General

The Solicitor General

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Mr. Stewart

Director, Division of Investigation

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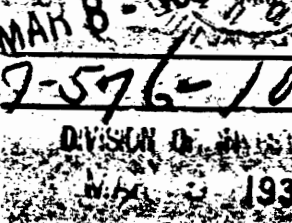
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I.L. Doherty, Owner
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Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Regarding the Hamm and Bremner kidnapping cases, there is talk that both of them belonged to an alcohol ring and that through some unsatisfactory settlement just after prohibition came in the gangsters promised to "get them" and that the money which they received was some that the said gangsters felt they had coming from Hamm and Bremner all the time.

In other words it was merely a reprisal by gangs to which the two victims belonged and with whom they failed to make satisfactory adjustment when prohibition made liquor legitimate.

This seems to be a general impression throughout Minnesota and this state and just as a matter of curiosity I was wondering what there was to it.

No one seems to have any proof of any kind and it seems merely a general suspicion being voiced.

On account of these suspicions there is some doubt that the kidnappers will ever be caught.

Yours truly,

/s/ I.L. DOHERTY

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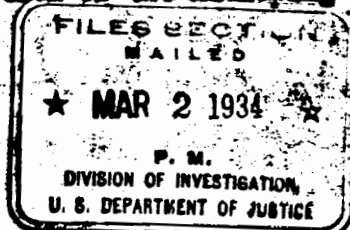
March 2, 1934

Mr. I. L. Doherty,
The Killdeer Herald,
Killdeer, North Dakota.

MAR 8 1934

Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that your letter of February 29,
1934, concerning the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr. and
Edward G. Bremer has been referred to Mr. W. A. Rorer, Division
of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office
Box 515, St. Paul, Minnesota, who is in charge of the investiga-
tion of the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.



Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Mr. E. A. Borer,
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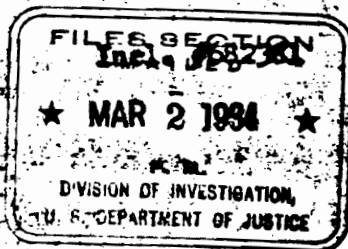
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN
SUBJECTS - Kidnaping of Edward R. Bremer.

There are inclosed herewith copies of a letter
dated February 19, 1934, from Mr. L. L. Doherty of Killdeer,
North Dakota. Kindly give same appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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2331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,
February 23, 1934.

cc
ll
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases;
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS -
EDW. G. BREMER - Victim.
Kidnaping. El Paso #7-6.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter to the New York office dated February 23, 1934 requesting investigation at various places as to purchasers of Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers, it was noted that the only alleged dealer in the territory covered by the El Paso office for any of the above papers was one Milton Wright, Roswell, N.M., alleged to handle the St. Paul Daily News.

I had Mr. Wright confidentially contacted by the sheriff at Roswell who writes me that he has interviewed Mr. Wright who states he is a personal subscriber to the Minneapolis Daily News and that he has not sold any of these papers nor had an inquiry concerning same.

Personal investigation of the principal news dealers at El Paso, Texas, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, the two principal cities in this territory, reveals that no papers from the two cities are handled, there apparently being no demand for same.

Very truly yours,

R. M. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
MARCH 1, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
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Dear Sir:

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Kindly refer to my report in the above captioned case under even date, wherein it will be noted in memorandum of Special Agent Trainor quoted in that report particularly in the first paragraph of page seven, that one [REDACTED] was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on the morning of February 22, 1934. b7d

It will be noted that [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] being desired in connection with the case captioned VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER. More recently, of course, Karpis' location has been sought in connection with the above captioned kidnaping case. Although it did not appear appropriate to go into the details of this arrest in an investigative report, I thought it advisable to furnish you with the facts relative to [REDACTED] arrest by the local Police here. b7d

While [REDACTED] was in Kansas City, Missouri [REDACTED] b7d

Immediately after his release, [REDACTED] b7d
[REDACTED] advised that he had been in a small barber shop in the north end of Kansas City, Missouri, which is that section inhabited by the Italian element, and about 8:30 AM, February 22, 1934, while in such barber shop, a Police Detective, whose name is unknown [REDACTED] came into the shop and talked at some length with the barber. According to [REDACTED] the Detective then turned toward him and said "stand up", which [REDACTED] did. The Detective then said "pull your coat back", which request [REDACTED] likewise complied with. [REDACTED] then was asked by the Detective "where in Hell do you live", and [REDACTED] replied that he was living at a local hotel. To the Detective's inquiry "what are you doing in town", [REDACTED] said "not much of anything, just hanging around". According to [REDACTED] the Detective then told him "I want you. Come on down to the station", and [REDACTED] was taken by this Detective to the Kansas City, Missouri Police Headquarters.

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Upon arrival at headquarters, [redacted] was taken before Chief of Police Coffey, and Coffey instructed [redacted] "sit down here, close to me, I might want to hit you". [redacted] complied and was asked personal questions about his purpose in Kansas City; however, according to [redacted] he evaded replying to these questions, whereupon he was searched, and his billfold was found bearing his true name [redacted] had given the alias [redacted] when arrested.

[redacted] states that Chief of Police Coffey asked him "what do you know about these men" [redacted] contends that he endeavored to evade answering this question, but advised Chief Coffey that he could call the two men [redacted] Chief of Police Coffey then said "lock him up", which was done.

In a short time [redacted] advises, an officer came and took him from the cell and again brought him before Chief Coffey, at which time [redacted] alleges the Chief said to him in a friendly manner "listen son, we are going to turn you loose now. What have you been doing in Kansas City, and what do you know about [redacted] is of the opinion that the Chief also asked him what he, [redacted] To this query [redacted] asked Chief Coffey "have you called them". Upon being answered in the negative [redacted]

Kansas City, Mo.

At about 10:00 AM Special Agent Trainor received a [redacted] at which time the party calling advised [redacted] "What do you know about [redacted] state that he was Chief of Police Coffey, that he had [redacted] in custody and [redacted] When Agent Trainor asked Chief Coffey upon what charge [redacted] was being held, Coffey replied that as yet he had not placed any charge against him, but was endeavoring to check upon his identity. Agent Trainor then informed Chief Coffey that he did know [redacted] and sometime ago [redacted] had been helpful to him, but that presently [redacted] was not doing anything for Agent Trainor, and hence this office had no interest in any charge which Chief of Police Coffey might presently have against [redacted]

Of course, the above story as related by [redacted] relative to his arrest cannot be corroborated, and hence it is not known whether all of the statements alleged [redacted] to have been made by Chief of Police Coffey are accurate. I might state, however, that [redacted] seems to believe [redacted] is entirely reliable, and believes that [redacted] is making every effort to obtain information [redacted]

Alvin Karpis, which latter individual is, of course, being sought by Sheriff Rogers in connection with the assault on February 16, 1934 of the Main Teller of the First National Bank at Topeka, in what is believed to have been a plan to rob that bank, which was never carried through.

Please be assured that this office is vigorously pursuing any likely information obtained [REDACTED] relative to the whereabouts of Karpis or his associates, the Barker Brothers.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.



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March 6, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 615,
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
(Edward G. Bremer - Victim)
Kidnaping - Extortion

Dear Sir:-

Mr. A. W. Burr, Special Agent in Charge, United States State Department, New York City, telephonically communicated with this office this morning on another matter. At this time he related that, in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, it might be well to look into the activities of FRANK SOMERS, a former Chief of Police of St. Paul and also a former United States Secret Service agent.

Mr. Burr stated that he had been advised by a person who had been in the Lincoln Bank robbery, a lawyer from St. Paul advised Mr. Burr that SOMERS had told him (the lawyer) that for \$75,000.00, he, SOMERS, would return the stolen bonds.

Mr. Burr stated that he originally came from St. Paul and is well acquainted with a number of people living in that city.

He stated that a few days ago a friend of his, and a very respectable citizen of St. Paul, visited him at New York. This man's name is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] related that the citizens of St. Paul were not taking very seriously the kidnaping of young Bremer, as they believed that it was possibly an inside job. [REDACTED] related to him that young Bremer was president of a bank which catered to the racketeers in St. Paul.

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and that on one occasion a representative of a Chicago mob went to St. Paul for the purpose of converting \$200,000.00 in paper into cash. The paper was not definitely identified by Mr. Burr, but [redacted] went on to relate to Mr. Burr that Bremer thought this was a good opportunity for him to make some money, and therefore charged \$5 for converting the paper into cash. When the representative of the Chicago mob returned to Chicago, they immediately accused him of having held out this \$10,000.00, and he returned to St. Paul for the purpose of abducting young Bremer and giving him a beating, or possibly killing him. In other words, it was not the original intention to hold Bremer for ransom. b7c

I asked Mr. Burr if there would be any objection to having one of our Agents interview [redacted] and obtain from him detailed information concerning this incident. Mr. Burr hesitated somewhat, and finally decided that it would be perfectly agreeable to do so if it were done discreetly; and that his [Burr's] name might also be mentioned at that time.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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From: UNIT #1 Room 418

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To:

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Mr. Nathan

Mr. Tolson

Mr. Edwards

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 12, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

There is some indication that the KARPIS and BARKER gang may have been the perpetrators of this crime. For that reason, it is desired that the Division secure from its files and furnish this office enlarged photographs of the following:

*Wire sent
St. Paul 2-13-34
MSH*
WILLIAM WEAVER, St. Paul, Minnesota, #23452;
CLARENCE COLTON, St. Paul, Minnesota, #23451;
JACK ORA WILBRON, Kansas City, Missouri, #17-315 (arrest);
COWBOY JAMES HAYES, #16312, Kansas City, Missouri.

It is respectfully requested that the above be forwarded to this office air mail.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

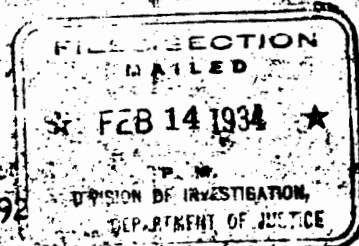
Re: Unknown Subjects,
Edward G. Bremer, Victim,
Kidnaping.

In response to your letter dated February 12, 1934, there are transmitted, herewith, two copies each of photographs of William Weaver, #23452, Saint Paul, Minnesota and Cowboy James Hayes #16312, Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri. From the information furnished by you it has not been possible to identify Clarence Tolton, #23451, Saint Paul, Minnesota and Jack Ora Kilbrun, #_____, Kansas City, Missouri.

The Division wired for additional descriptive data relative to these individuals but has not received a reply up to this time. Immediately upon receipt of this information, you will be furnished with photographs of these individuals in the event same are available in the files of the Identification Unit.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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PLEA GUILTY SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS ON FIRST COUNT AND FIVE
YEARS ON THIRD COUNT SENTENCES TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY
INSTITUTION TO BE DESIGNATED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

March 3, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S.Department of Justice,
Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,etal.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
St.Paul File No.7-30.

The following is a list of persons and their
police numbers which was submitted by the St.Paul Police with
a view to having them checked against the latent prints in
captioned case:

Name	St.Paul Police Number
Morris L. Weiss	23733
Harold F. Schultz	23918
James McDermott	23919
Edward Carlson	23924
James G. Marsh	23930
Franklin Gustafson	23943
Charles Wilson	23968
William Henry Welton	23975
Thomas Charles Walters	23973
William H. Reilly	23976
Frank Bennett	23978
Thomas Carroll	23979
Loonie L. Milan	23980
William Hart	23981
Albert DuVol	23982
Charles Silcott	23983
John B. Clarke	23987
George W. Balderston	24018
Richard Pyles	24033
John Mature	24034
James Brock	24075
William Leonard	24115
Frank Nori	24141
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<u>Name</u>	<u>St. Paul Police Number</u>
Joseph M. Byrnes	24145
Fred Jordan	24156
James Wilson	24155
Arnold Godbey	24161
Howard Clark	24163
Carl Huseby	24245
Ben Hurvitz	24310
Walter Wilder	24346
John Slone	24403
Rudy Schultz	24404
Earl Jordan	24405
Lewis Wilson	24414
William Niemeyer	24436
Charles Wood	24449
Arthur L. Pederson	24460
Archie Bell	24466
Louis Meyers	24467
Jack Dahlien	24468
Joe Vallee	24469
George Overton	24470
Peter Merchlewitz	24471
Harlan Nyswander	24472
Honey Shasky	24473
Anton Davis	24474
John H. Anderson	24475
Otto Nyswander	24476
William Jones	23003
Walter Earl	23016
Joe Sarico	23043
Donald J. Thompson	23437
Elwood H. Brauer	24463
Alvin J. Lindgren	24464
Huxley F. Ames - Minneapolis	22550
Jack Gordon - Philadelphia	120746
Harry Jaffa - Minneapolis	19016
Sam Jaffa - Minneapolis	19677
William Jaffa - Minneapolis	16545
Lewis Baker (Kings Co. - Seattle)	L-4126
Olger Brosvik - Minn. State Pen.	9050
Eugene Cohler - McNeil Is. Wash.	#
Russell Gibson - Okla. Co. Jail, Okla. C.	5596
Manny Kauffman - Chicago	99204

<u>Name</u>	<u>St. Paul Police Number</u>
William Lefkoe - Philadelphia	120747
Jack Levy - Philadelphia	120748
Lewis Postare - Sioux City, Ia.	3479
Harry Rosen - Philadelphia	85824
Paul Ross - Chicago	3984
John B. Wilson - Minneapolis	23011
John Crawford - Chicago	4875
James C. Dunning - Kansas City, Mo.	15752.

The following listed persons have been suggested by the Minneapolis Police Department:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Minneapolis Police Number</u>
Lloyd Smout	22215
Ray Miller	Former inmate of State
Age: 22	Pen., Lansing, Kansas.
Ht.: 6'	
Wt.: 145 lbs.	
Bill Scott	Former inmate of State
	Pen., McAlistar, Okla..

I should like to suggest that the prints of RAY TERRELL, formerly an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and ELMER INMAN, formerly an inmate of the Kansas State Penitentiary, be checked with the latent prints, if it is found that either are out of prison at present. I am not aware of the prison number of either of these men.

Very truly yours,

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W.A. ROHER, INSPECTOR.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

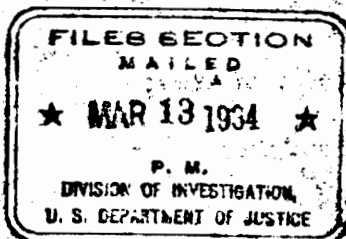
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 8, 1934, in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al., EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - Kidnaping. Approximately eighty names submitted by the St. Paul, Minnesota Police Department, are listed in this letter with the request their fingerprints be compared with the latent prints developed in connection with this case. This comparison is now being made in the Division and you will be subsequently advised of the result.

It is desired you advise the Division which of these individuals, if any, that in your opinion, warrant entry of their fingerprints in the single fingerprint file of kidnapers, extortionists, and outstanding gangsters, which is maintained in the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
P. O. Box #987,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 5, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases etal
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my recent communication pertaining to an anonymous communication received by the Editor of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph with reference to the above entitled case, I am transmitting herewith copies of an additional communication received by that newspaper. It will be noted that this communication contains no information concerning the identity of its writer except the signature, "66-66-76."

In the absence of instructions to the contrary, no further inquiries will be undertaken in this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Tamm

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Inspector W. A. Rorer - 2
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E. A. TAMM,
Special Agent in Charge.

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N.S.E.W. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1934.

THE PITTSBURGH SUN-TELEGRAPH
MANAGING EDITOR:

Dear Sir:

A week or so ago I wrote to your newspaper revealing the fact that of four men involved in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, that but two of them were alive today. I also mentioned that I did not want the police to enter this affair, but I have changed my mind to that affect since because I know that it is with reluctance that your newspaper is withholding from the public these interesting and positive revelations. I have come to the conclusion that it is practically out of the question to keep the police out of this affair and I hereby want you to know that I am not afraid of the police because I feel that I am perfectly safe in my present surroundings. I want you to bear in mind, however, that I have nothing to fear, because I feel that my willingness to pay back Mr. Bremer, or rather, I should say, reveal the place and spot where \$120,000 has been hidden by my late bosses, should be sufficient reason for the police to keep my name free from being a voluntary accomplice in this inhuman monstrosity.

Although it has generally been said that six or seven men were implicated in this case, I want to assure the country at large that there were only four involved.

As I stated in my first communication to your newspaper, the fourth man is entirely unknown to me, a fact which I will substantiate in subsequent communications to you. In other words, three men were involved directly, one indirectly.

I was one of the three, but later on I shall convey to you exactly how I was forced into this affair.

I will also give complete details concerning the death struggles of my late "superintendents" and how both their bodies had catapulted into a steep ravine in the mountains of northern Pennsylvania.

I feel quite certain that each man had shot the other, and whatever chance they had for their lives was lost completely when they both toppled over this unfootable incline.

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And that is why I say that there are but two men living connected in the Bremer kidnaping case.

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On my first day in Pittsburgh I went to a newsboy and asked him which is the best paper in Pittsburgh. He said that the Sun-Telegraph was. And that is why I am making my contacts through your paper.

If there are any questions you'd like me to answer, you may do so when you publish this.

Yours truly

"66-66-76"

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

San Antonio, Texas.
March 3, 1934.

Director, Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Edward Doll, W.A.
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is had to report of Agent R.L. Shivers, Jacksonville office for February 25, 1934.

It is noted in this report that Doll admits registering at different hotels under the name of L.E. Lang. While I do not have all of the reports made in the Urschel kidnaping case I do recall that several telegrams were obtained at Paradise, Texas that had been received and sent by George and Kathryn Kelly using the name of Shannon and several of these messages were to and from L.E. Lang in Chicago and other points. I recall particularly one telegram from Lang in Chicago shortly before the Urschel kidnaping that indicated a meeting was being arranged between Kelly and Lang. We were never able to identify Lang or establish his connection in the Urschel case.

It is to be recalled that there were several persons guarding the pay off in Kansas City at the time Kirkpatrick delivered the ransom money.

It is noted in the statement of Doll that he mentions an alias of "Potatoes" as used by Homer Wilson. I recall that Charles Urschel stated that during the time he was held at the Shannon ranch either Kelly or Bates referred to some person as "Potatoes" and the reference indicated that the person referred to was in the immediate vicinity.

I do not have here a copy of the statement of Urschel but am sure that reference is contained in his statement.

I would suggest that the Urschel file be reviewed and the above mentioned items checked for possible future interviews with Doll.

Reference is had to my letter of February 17, 1934 advising that George Kelly and George Bates had been identified as being two of four men who robbed the San Marcos, Texas bank on May 22, 1934. It was thought that possibly Ed Benz was implicated in this robbery and it is now possible that Doll also implicated in this robbery and I would suggest that in any future interviews with him he be questioned regarding this robbery.

Yours very truly

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #709
Portland, Oregon



March 2, 1934.

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: Unknown subjects
Edward George Bremer (Victim)
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

I have read with considerable interest the report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers dated Jacksonville, Florida, February 23, 1934, in the case entitled "Edward Doll, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act," in which there is reflected the admissions of Doll to Special Agent H. E. Anderson of numerous bank robberies throughout the country in which he was associated with George Kelley, Albert Bates and Edward Bentz. This information bears out the information contained in my letter to the Division dated February 13, 1934, in connection with the Edward George Bremer kidnaping case, which was based upon information furnished by the Division that Doll was a suspect in the Bremer case and it was my belief that if Doll was a suspect, Edward Bentz would no doubt be implicated with him.

While there is no definite information available to this office indicating that Edward Bentz is implicated in the Bremer kidnaping, the data furnished by Doll implicating Bentz in the various bank robberies, leads me to suggest that the Division should take steps to cause an exhaustive search to be made for Edward Bentz for the reason that he is wanted in numerous places on bank robbery crimes, and for the reason that it is my firm belief that while Edward Bentz is at liberty he should be considered as a possible suspect in any kidnaping case. The Division has considerable information relative to Edward Bentz, and as stated in my letter of February 13 to the Division noted above, the Chicago office is in possession of a great amount of data relative to Bentz's connections in that vicinity, particularly pertaining to Bentz's wife and her relatives.

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I do not know whether the Division would desire to issue an Identification Order for Edward Bentz in the absence of any specific information that he is wanted for a Federal offense, but if such action is not taken, it is my suggestion that the field be generally instructed to institute a search for this man, for if located, and it is found he is not wanted for a Federal offense there would be no difficulty in turning him over to state authorities in various parts of the country for prosecution. My principal reason for making this suggestion is, as stated above, that I firmly believe that Edward Bentz will sooner or later become implicated in a kidnaping case, if he has not already been implicated in the several kidnapings that have taken place and have not been completely solved.

Very truly yours,


C. C. Spears
Special Agent in Charge

CCS.B
cc St. Paul
St. Louis

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March 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 900,
Portland, Oregon.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
ET AL,
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,
KIDNAPING.

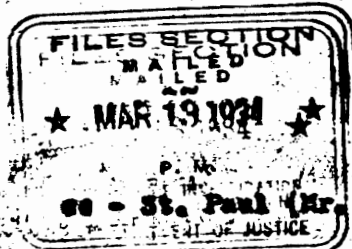
Dear Sir:

In response to your letter dated March 2, 1934 wherein you suggest that the Division should take steps to cause an exhaustive search to be made for Edward Beatz, who is wanted in numerous places on bank robbery charges and further that it is your belief that this individual, while at liberty, should be considered as a possible suspect in any kidnaping case, the Division concurs in your belief. Therefore, you are instructed to prepare a report dealing exclusively with this individual and his known associates and distribute a copy of this report to each field office of the Division for its information.

The Division does not deem it advisable, at this time, to issue an Identification Order on Edward Beatz but in the event this individual becomes a subject of this or any other kidnaping case reference can then be made to the report to be submitted by your office.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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March 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

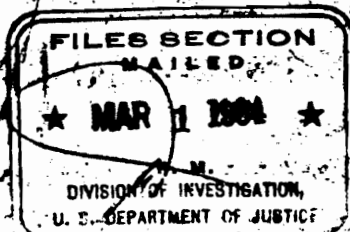
Dear Sir:

On February 22, 1934, Mr. Clegg of the Division telephoned Acting Special Agent in Charge Schenken and requested that a Special Agent proceed to the Laboratory for the purpose of obtaining photographs of the tin cans which had been received in the Bremer case and if necessary, in accordance with Mr. Coffey's belief, one of the tin cans should be obtained in order that investigation might be immediately initiated with reference to the identity of the manufacturer of the cans.

Later in the evening, after dark in fact, Mr. Coffey telephoned Mr. Clegg at the Division and advised that a Special Agent had not shown up. Several hours had elapsed in the meantime and it is not believed that there was any opportunity for a misunderstanding of the instructions issued by the Division. It is understood that it was not until Monday morning, February 26, 1934, in fact, that the tin cans were obtained for the purpose of carrying them to Baltimore to make a check. The investigation obviously should have been concluded before that time and the Division desires to be immediately informed as to why this response to Division instructions was not carried out immediately upon receipt thereof.

Mr. Edwards has telephoned the Division recently that a previous request had been made of the Washington Field Office to send a Special Agent to the Laboratory to obtain a cap found in the Bremer case in order that an investigation might be made to determine the identity of the manufacturer of this cap. Mr. Edwards at the time stated that a Special Agent had not called at his office for the purpose of obtaining this cap. I desire an immediate explanation for the delay in this matter also. Obviously the importance of the Bremer kidnaping case is of such a character that it should be given preferred attention at all times and I further desire to emphasize the absolute necessity of a more prompt compliance with the instructions issued by the Division.

Very truly yours,



Director,

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CASE DISPOSITIONS ARRESTS THIS DISTRICT (FRED, BARKER)
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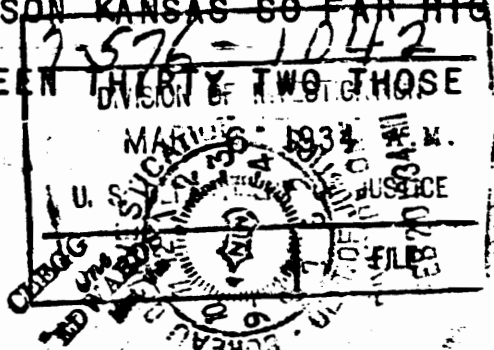
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MR. EGAN
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MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

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BREMER

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BURGLARY TURNED TO OKMULGEE, SO THERE SHOWS ARRESTED

WITH JOE HOWARD AND FRED BARKER CHARGE BURGLARY PLEAD

GUILTY SEPTEMBER ELEVEN THIRTY ONE SENTENCED FOUR YEARS

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CAMPBELL ROBBERY COMMUNITY SALES PROCEEDS WITH GLEN ROY
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STOP FRED BARKER AS J. DARROWS TWO NINE THREE ARRESTED PD
OKMULGEE DECEMBER NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE INVESTIGATION BANK
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OKMULGEE JUNE TEN THIRTY ONE TURNED TO COUNTY NO RECORD
DISPOSITION STOP, ADDITIONAL DISPOSITION BEING EXPEDITED=
BRANTLEY.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota,**

St. Paul FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-5-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/27 to 3/1/34	REPORT MADE BY: O. G. Hall
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DAN MARTIN, Pine Island, Minnesota, investigation develops, probably did not see FRED BARKER as he previously claimed. Written matter found in victim's billfold when observed by Scientific Laboratory are telephone numbers in New York. GORDON, of detective agency in Minneapolis, believes ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER were participants in robbery of Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas. GORDON and probably FRANK SOMMERS, ex-Chief of Police, St. Paul, were instrumental in securing the return of stolen securities. Investigation being conducted to locate the sellers of the various articles furnished to victim and used by kidnapers in this case.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent O. G. Hall dated 3-1-34 at St. Paul, Minnesota.

DETAILS:

At St. Paul, Minnesota.

The following information was secured by the several agents assigned especially to this investigation:

Special Agent W. G. Ryan conducted investigation at Howard Lake, Minnesota, and ascertained that the O. P. Jungsmaus Company, dealers in Clewett Peabody & Company shirts had not sold such a shirt as is involved in this case.

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during the period in question. This store does not handle the other garments given to the victim by the kidnapers. Other investigation indicated that Howard Lake, Minnesota, could not, from the victim's description, be the place in which he was held.

At Lake Sylvia, Annandale, Minnesota, Special Agent W. C. Ryan made an investigation concerning information contained in memorandum submitted by Special Agent R. L. Nalls on February 14, 1934, which was to the effect that a couple residing at the above mentioned lake might be the persons at 628 Grand Avenue in St. Paul, the persons at the latter address having disappeared on the date of MR. BREMER'S kidnaping. Investigation developed that the couple attracting the attention at Lake Sylvia were not the MR. and MRS. BERGSTROM, who had resided at 628 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, but were a DORIS ROACH, a musician, and one MANION, who is a poet. Special Agent Ryan conducted other investigation, displaying photographs of the persons suspected in this case, and determined that none had seen these persons at Annandale, Minnesota, and that from the victim's description, Annandale could not be the place in which MR. BREMER was held.

In the reference report, mention is made of one DAN MARTIN, proprietor of the White Eagle Service Station, Pine Island, Minnesota, who on being interviewed thought that the photograph of FRED BARKER resembled the man at his filling station on the night of MR. BREMER'S release. Special Agent N. E. Marshall conducted the following additional investigation which seems to eliminate the possibility that FRED BARKER was seen by MR. MARTIN at the latter's filling station at Pine Island on the night indicated:

St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul 7-30 file.

With reference to memorandum by Special Agent D. G. Hall dated St. Paul, February 27, 1934.

At Pine Island, Minnesota, DAN MARTIN, proprietor of the White Eagle Service Station, was further interviewed by this agent on February 28, 1934, regarding four men in a Ford Coach who had driven into his filling station on the night of EDWARD G. BREMER'S release.

Photographs of FRED BARKER, ARTHUR BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, CHARLEY (CURLY) CLOUSE, TOMMIE CARROLL, EDDIE BENTZ, and THEODORE BENTZ and others were exhibited to MR. MARTIN in an effort to establish the identity of the four men in the Ford Coach, without success. MR. MARTIN stated that the only one of the four men whom he got a good look at was the driver and that he could identify and would know the driver of the car if he ever saw him again; but stated that he would not be able to recognize the other three occupants of the car and could not identify them if he saw them again. MR. MARTIN stated that the driver of the car appeared to be about 45 years of age and dissipated looking, and that outside of this he could give no further description as he did not see him out of the car. MARTIN further stated that the photograph of FRED BARKER was the only one that faintly resembled the driver of the car and that the facial makeup was the same but would not make a positive statement that the photograph of FRED BARKER was a photograph of the driver of the car, would only state that it was only photo which looked at all like the driver.

With reference to above mentioned memorandum of Special Agent Hall, it will be noted that MARTIN further stated that a DR. DIETZ of Pine Island had seen a car flashing its lights on the highway between Rochester and Pine Island on the night BREMER was released.

DR. DIETZ was interviewed by this agent and he stated that on Wednesday night, February 7, 1934, the night EDWARD G. BREMER was released, he and two friends were driving from Pine Island to Rochester, Minnesota, to bowl and that about four miles out of Rochester a large car which was parked alongside the road flashed its lights several times as they approached it. DR. DIETZ stated that he could not see any people around the car or in the car and that they did not stop but proceeded on to Rochester. DR. DIETZ stated that this car was a very large car, either a LaSalle or Cadillac or a large car of that type. DR. DIETZ fixes the time and date of this occurrence by stating that he always goes to Rochester to bowl every Wednesday

night and always leaves Pine Island about the same time at night and that the next morning after this trip he read in the paper of EDWARD G. BREMER'S release. DR. DIETZ stated that the other men who were with him were WILBUR IWEN and JOHN BLONKENHORN of Pine Island.

JOHN BLONKENHORN, at B & K General Merchandise Store, Pine Island, stated that he was with DR. DIETZ on the night in question and that he is positive it was on the night of BREMER'S release because they always go to Rochester every Wednesday night to bowl and that the next morning he read of BREMER'S release. MR. BLONKENHORN stated that on the night in question, they left Pine Island about 8:30 p.m. or a quarter of seven and that about four or five miles out of Rochester they passed a large car facing north parked off the pavement, and that he saw only one person near the car and that this party looked to him like he was dressed in a chauffeur's uniform and was standing by the side of the car. MR. BLONKENHORN stated that the car was a large, new, shiny looking car and could have been a LaSalle or Cadillac or Lincoln. MR. BLONKENHORN, however, stated he was positive that this car did not flash its lights as they approached or passed it and that there were no other cars parked along the road and that he saw nothing suspicious about this car.

MR. WILBUR IWEN was out of town and Agent was unable to interview him.

MISS IDA MINNY, who MR. MARTIN stated was on a bus about the time that BREMER was released, had told him of seeing lights flashing.

J. D. SCHLENTER, proprietor of the Pine Island Hotel, stated that IDA MINNY left about three weeks ago without checking out and he has not heard of her since. MR. SCHLENTER stated that IDA MINNY was [REDACTED] and had not been for several years. Agent was therefore unable to interview IDA MINNY.

With reference to the license number which MARTIN stated was on the Ford Coach which came into his filling station on the night in question, Minnesota 1933 license No. B 222403. It was ascertained that the above license was issued to MR. DOMINICK SPAGIANO, 908 Adams Street, Eveleth, Minnesota, for a Hudson Sedan, motor number 234765.

An appropriate lead is to be set out for Eveleth to check the above license plates and for inquiry as to whether or not they were stolen at that place as they were issued for a Hudson Sedan and the car on which these plates were seen by MARTIN at Pine Island was a Ford Coach.

Respectfully submitted,

NEM:HVS 3 -Div., 9 - St. Paul

N. E. MARSHALL, Special Agent.

Regarding the billfold of MR. BREMER in which the following words were written, "Wickersham 2-5900 extension 1348" and also the words, "Hamm (or Hamm) 2-77-88", Special Agent S. L. Fortenberry conducted the following investigation and his memorandum relative thereto follows:

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. BOHRER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

BREMER was interviewed relative to the Scientific Laboratory report coming from Washington showing that there was found in his bill folder the words, "Wickersham 2-5900 extension 1348" and also the words, "Hanni (or Hamn) 2-77-88". MR. BREMER said that he remembers the notations very distinctly and that they were telephone numbers given him by MR. WARREN GODFREY in New York. Relative to the last number, which the Scientific Laboratory stated might be a safe combination, MR. BREMER stated that he was positive the word was neither "Hanni" nor "Hamn" but that it was some name given him by GODFREY and the 2-77-88 was a telephone number and that he put the hyphens in and that they had no value.

Very truly yours,

S. L. FORTENBERRY,
Special Agent.

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MR. H. H. GLEGG of the Division advised this office by telephone that the Philadelphia office had located what they believed to be a sample of the wall paper which was in the victim's room at the hideout. He stated that the paper is believed to be pattern No. 515, which is a 1931 line of paper, manufactured by the United Wall Paper Company, York, Pennsylvania, and is made exclusively for the Sear Roebuck & Company. It is a cheap paper, selling for from 5¢ to 9¢. MR. GLEGG further stated that Sears Roebuck & Company are believed to keep sales invoices of all sales and could possibly identify the sale of this paper. Investigation relative to the above was immediately commenced and a report will be submitted.

Inspector CHARLES J. TIERNEY of the St. Paul Police Department submitted a photograph of a girl about nine years of age and a copy of a police report which indicated that this photograph had been found at the apartment occupied by MR. and MRS. BERGSTROM at 628 Grand Avenue, St. Paul. Special Agents J. E. Brennan and R. C. Coulter interviewed the janitor at that address and he stated that the photograph was of a little MERRHAN girl who had resided with her sister in another apartment for about three months prior to the date it was rented to EDWARD BERGSTROM and wife. Evidently, the photograph has no connection whatever with this case.

Special Agent B. L. Nicholson submitted the following memorandum which is self-explanatory:

St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. ROHRER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Kansas City, Missouri, January 22, 1934, in the VERNON C. MILLER, et al, file, being serial number 883 of the St. Paul Division office file in this case. In this report it is set out that on July 26, 1932, the Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas, was robbed and that ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER had been identified as participants in this robbery by MISS IDA COOK, an employee of the bank. It is also set out in the report of Agent Suran that bonds valued at approximately \$240,000 were returned to the bank for the sum of \$15,000 and that negotiations for the return of these bonds had been made by MR. W. S. GORDON, a representative of the Burns Detective Agency at Minneapolis.

Agent interviewed MR. W. S. GORDON, who is in charge of the Minneapolis branch of the Burns Detective Agency with offices at 450 McKnight Building, Minneapolis. He advised that on July 26, 1932, the Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas, was robbed by unknown individuals; that shortly thereafter, he established contact at Minneapolis, Minnesota, with a confidential informant, and began negotiations for the return of the bonds, valued at approximately \$240,000, for the sum of \$15,000. He further stated that between September 1, 1932, and September 25, 1932, all of these bonds were returned to him, part being returned at the Ryan Hotel in St. Paul and part at the Nicollet Hotel in Minneapolis.

GORDON further advised that in his own mind, he is convinced that ALVIN KARPIS and FRED BARKER participated in this bank robbery although he has never been able to have them identified as participants; that during the negotiations for the return of the bonds, he had photographs of these individuals forwarded to the Cloud County Bank at Concordia, Kansas, but no identification of KARPIS and BARKER as being participants in the robbery was made.

MR. GORDON further advised that his confidential informant was not one of the thieves but in his opinion is removed four or possibly five people from the actual thieves and holders of the bonds; and that in his opinion, it would be impossible to trace these negotiations back in order to definitely know the direct contact in the Twin Cities of the holders of the bonds. It was agent's intention to make an effort in tracing these negotiations back. However, MR. GORDON stated that his confidential informant was in no way

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a criminal but did at times associate with gamblers; and that the disclosure of his name to this agent would serve no purpose to him and he would lose thereby a valuable confidential informant. For this reason, MR. GORDON refused to furnish the name of his confidential informant, as result of which the contacts in the negotiations for the return of the bonds could not be traced.

MR. GORDON further stated that he is unaware of any of the contacts beyond his confidential informant and has no knowledge relative to the location of the bonds at the time the negotiations were under way. MR. GORDON was asked whether or not negotiations were not made by him in the vicinity or at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. He advised that as far as he knows, White Bear Lake at no time figured in the negotiation, and as far as his knowledge goes, all negotiations were made in the Twin Cities.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. NICHOLSON,
Special Agent.

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ADDENDUM:

The chances are that MR. GORDON'S informant and contact is FRANK SOMMERS, ex-Chief of Police of St. Paul, who, according to rumors I have heard for the past year and a half, is a middle man in this type of transactions. Of course, I can not prove this and I do not believe that there is much use in asking MR. GORDON point blank.

O. G. HALL,
Special Agent.

In connection with the attempt of this office to keep in touch with the renting of all safety deposit boxes at banks, the following memorandum is submitted:

St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file V-30.

There has been received at the St. Paul Division office a communication from [redacted] advising that safety deposit boxes have been rented to the following individuals:

[redacted] box rented
December 29, 1933.

[redacted] rented January 1, 1934.

[redacted] rented February 5, 1934.

[redacted] box rented February 7, 1934.

The letter from [redacted] advises that none of these individuals incited any suspicion at the time the boxes were rented. A search of the Minneapolis City Directory indicates that [redacted] is listed as a school teacher; and the [redacted] is listed as residing at [redacted] her husband being a brick layer. [redacted] her husband, [redacted] is listed as residing at [redacted]

[redacted] being manager of the [redacted] is not listed in the [redacted] apparently being from [redacted] Minneapolis City Directory.

At the office of the [redacted] agent contacted [redacted] no advised that [redacted] is thought to be a salesman, although his firm connection is not known. The photographs of all the suspects in this case were exhibited to him and he failed to identify any of them as being [redacted]

Since the other individuals are listed in the Minneapolis City Directory and apparently have resided there for some time, it is felt that they have no connection with this case.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. NICHOLSON,
Special Agent.

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From ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

To OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

The Attorney General

The Solicitor General

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Mr. Gottshall

Miss Brookley

Miss Broomhead

MEMORANDUM

MR. NATHAN
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Tomahawk, Wis.
Feb. 22nd 1934

Mr. E. mer S. Cummings,
Att.Gen.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed you will find a letter I have written and intended to send to Mr. Bremer, kidnaped banker of St. Paul, Minn. I did not send it because I did not have his street address and was afraid some other by the name of Bremer might get hold of it so instead I wrote to him and told him I had information that might lead to a clue of his kidnapers but as yet I have not heard from him. He may not have rec'd my letter, so I am sending it to you and you will know what to do with it. I am satisfied it is important and I hope it will lead to a cleaning up of St. Paul.

Sincerely yours,

(S) [REDACTED]

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Tomahawk, Wis.
Feb. 12th 1934

Mr. Edward G. Bremer
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

This is written with a view of helping to a clue to your kidnapers.

I have two nephews serving a sentence in the South Dakota states prison for bank robbing.

I did not know they were outlaws. One of them visited me every year or so. He told me he was a salesman. One day we talked of the gangsters and he told me the head of the gangsters in St. Paul was the then mayor of St. Paul. This was three years ago. He said the mayor sent his men out to rob banks, kidnap, etc. and told them to do their work and get back to St. Paul and they would have protection. He said the mayor was a man no one would suspect as he was a member of a church and high in lodges and all organizations.

In a short time after that my nephews were caught after robbing a bank in South Dakota. There were four in the car and had the loot with them. I saw an account of it ~~then~~ all in my daily paper. They will have two years in June, 1934.

Please withhold my name from the papers.

Sincerely yours,

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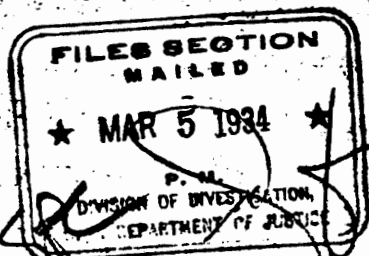
Dear Madam:

Kindly be advised that your letter of February 22, 1934 and the enclosure, a letter dated February 12, 1934, addressed to Mr. Edward G. Bremer, have been referred to Mr. W. A. Rorer, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 515, Saint Paul, Minnesota, who is in charge of the investigation of the case involving the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

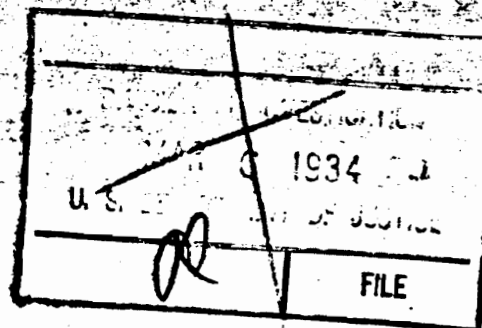
Reference is made to the case entitled, "Unknown
Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping".

There are enclosed, herewith, copies of a letter
dated February 12, 1934, addressed to Mr. Edward G. Bremer,
which was sent to the Attorney General with a letter dated
February 22, 1934, copies of which are also enclosed, here-
with, from ██████████
Tomehawk, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 3/5/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/1/34	REPORT MADE BY K. R. MCINTIRE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Vale Frost located at New Viceroy Hotel, 4758 North Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on March 1, 1934, associating with Marle Kinney, thought to be FRED BARKER. Frost and Kinney questioned, but no information secured of any value. Kinney not identical with Fred Barker.

REFERENCE:

Letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, February 27, 1934.

DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois

The reference letter discloses that when Vale Frost left the Berkshire Hotel at Kansas City, Missouri, February 17, 1934, he gave his forwarding address as "The New Vickery Hotel, Chicago, Illinois." There is no New Vickery Hotel in Chicago, but the hotel which he apparently had reference to is the New Viceroy Hotel, located at 4758 North Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Investigation at the New Viceroy Hotel was conducted by Special Agent T. E. Billings, who ascertained that Vale Frost registered at that hotel for the first time on January 2, 1934, and that he checked out of said hotel on January 22, 1934. The hotel further records a registration for Frost on February 17, 1934.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

M. H. Cunn

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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It was further ascertained that P. W. Medley registered at the New Viceroy Hotel with Frost on February 17, 1934, but he was requested to leave the hotel on February 22, 1934, due to drunkenness.

Agent Billings displayed the photographs of Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker and Alvin Karpis to Mr. Osier, the manager of the New Viceroy Hotel, who identified the photograph of FRED BARKER as being identical with one Merle Kinney, who associated with Vale Frost frequently at the hotel. The photograph of Fred Barker was then exhibited to Mrs. Osier, not in the presence of her husband, and she also identified the said photograph as being identical with Merle Kinney, an associate of Frost. Information to this effect was immediately communicated to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, whereupon Mr. Purvis, with Agents K. R. McIntire, W. A. Smith, Jay C. Newman, W. C. Baum and Charles Jenkins, proceeded to the hotel in question. Arrangements were also made for the presence of Special Agents M. B. Rhodes and J. J. Waters.

At the proper time, Vale Frost and Merle Kinney were temporarily detained and brought to the Chicago Division Office for questioning. It was ascertained prior to this time, however, that neither Frost, Medley nor Kinney had any associates fitting the description of any of the other suspects mentioned in this case.

It became apparent immediately that Merle Kinney was not identical with FRED BARKER. For further assurance, however, the fingerprints of Kinney were taken, after he had declared a willingness to have them taken, and they were compared with the prints of FRED BARKER on file at this office. They were found in no way to be identical. The prints taken of Kinney are being retained in the file of this case at the Chicago Division Office.

Vale Frost was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis at the Chicago Division Office. Frost stated that his home is located in Lime Springs, Iowa and that he purchased a home there sometime ago, which is considered a very nice home, but he stated it is not yet paid for and he borrowed on his bonus to make the down payment. He advised he has been away from Lime Springs, Iowa for considerable periods of time on several occasions, but this was necessitated by virtue of his type of employment. He advised some few years ago he was located in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was in charge of an office, under the name of the Seth Selders, Inc. The offices of this company are now located at 155 East Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was understood he was employed with this company for about

five years. His most recent employment, which began two years ago, is with the Sterling Materials Company, located at 230 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois. He informed that on January 1, 1934, he was called into Chicago to meet one of the executives of this company. He stated that prior to that time, he had been to Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee, Wisconsin and to Grand Rapids, Michigan, on business.

The letter of reference indicates that Frost, when registering at the Berkshire Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, gave as his last address, 230 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It is noted that this is the location of the Sterling Materials Company, with which he is now associated.

In view of the information contained in the memorandum of Special Agent O. G. Hall, of Saint Paul, for Inspector W. A. Rorer, dated February 22, 1934, to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Frost were in Rochester, Minnesota on Monday, February 5, 1934, Frost was questioned as to his whereabouts during the past several weeks. He stated he has been in Chicago, located at the New Viceroy Hotel, since February 17, 1934, at which time he registered at the hotel. He declared that the week prior to February 17, he spent in Kansas City, Missouri at the Berkshire Hotel, which would carry him back to February 10th. He declared that during the week prior to February 10th, he was at his home in Lime Springs, Iowa. Without suggestion on the part of Special Agent in Charge Purvis, Frost informed he made a short trip to Minneapolis during that week and also motored, via personal automobile, with his wife, to Rochester, Minnesota, where he met Medley at the railroad station at 8:40 A.M., Monday, February 5, 1934. In this connection, Frost informed he remained at Rochester, not more than twenty minutes and went from there to Minneapolis, Minnesota on business, but returned that same day to Lime Springs, Iowa.

It became apparent, during the course of the interview that Frost had no connection with the instant kidnaping and for this reason, it was not deemed advisable to question him intimately along such lines. He was not questioned with regard to the telegrams which were sent from the Berkshire Hotel on February 15, 1934, nor was he questioned with regard to Mr. P. W. Medley. He voluntarily advised that Medley is a friend of several years standing and is employed as a salesman. He further stated he knows of no trouble in which Medley has been involved. It was understood, from questioning Frost, that Medley had, on February 5, 1934, arrived in Rochester by train from points in the far western part of the United States, though he was not questioned specifically on this matter.

Merle Vincent Kinney was interviewed at the Chicago Division Office by Special Agent Jay C. Newman. Kinney informed he is now associated with the National Bond and Investment Company, #160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number State 3801, with which company he has been associated since July of 1933. He advised he solicits business and makes calls on automobile dealers. He was born in Elkton, South Dakota, August 31, 1905 and is described as follows: Age, 28 years; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, 150 pounds; build, medium; hair, medium brown; eyes, blue; teeth, poor and irregular. Kinney was married in Chicago on May 28, 1930 to Maudie Cecelia Kilroy, whose father is Michael Kilroy, 2331 Berwyn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Kinney's father is John Kinney and his mother's name is Elizabeth Kinney, both located at Elkton, South Dakota, where they have lived since 1932. They formerly lived at Elkton, South Dakota. Kinney attended Saint Mary's High School at Elkton, South Dakota for two years and came to Chicago in 1928, at which time he was associated with the Kari-Keen Manufacturing Company of Sioux City, Iowa. He stated he was with that concern at Sioux City for two years prior to coming to Chicago. He stated he was then associated with The Tripp Manufacturing Company, 555 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, from 1931 to July 1, 1933. He informed he first met Vale Frost in Chicago, Illinois in 1930, at which time Frost was Vice President of the Tripp Manufacturing Company. He informed further that Frost got him a position with this concern.

Kinney stated he knows Frost's home is in Lime Springs, Iowa and that Frost is married, but has no children; that Frost's wife is now visiting with her sister in Kansas City, Missouri. He further stated that of his own knowledge, he knows Frost's father is a retired mail carrier living in Lime Springs, Iowa. It is understood that Kinney is now living at 6156 North Tallman Ave., Chicago, Ill.

At the New Viceroy Hotel, it was ascertained that Medley is now living at 201 East Delaware Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was not deemed advisable to make further inquiries of Medley, since it was believed that information concerning this case should not be disclosed. It was felt further that neither Frost, Medley, nor Kinney was associated in any way with the instant kidnaping. For the information of the file, however, it is stated that the following local telephone calls were made by P. W. Medley from the New Viceroy Hotel during his stay there:-

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February 16: Sunnyside 5120,
Delaware 1323
Buckingham 1360
February 17: Briargate 4515
Diversey 6800
February 20: State 6561
Harrison 2722
Superior 1033
February 21: Sunnyside 2100
February 22: Superior 1480,
0835
Spaulding 8016
Lakeview 1668
Superior 1055.

The following long distance telephone calls were placed
by Medley from the New Viceroy Hotel:

February 20: To Omaha, Nebraska,
Walnut 1101, at 11:18 P.M.
February 21: To Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
West 6292.

The records of the New Viceroy Hotel further disclose the
following telephone calls were made by Vale Frost:

January 3: Graceland 9522
4: Ardmore 3518; Sunnyside 5495;
Long Beach 2100.
5: Calumet 4235; Graceland 9522;
Delaware 0912.
6: Dorchester 3989; Graceland 9522
Long Beach 2100
8: Long Beach 2100
9: Superior 9212; State 3801;
Palisade 9654; Buckingham 4366;
Hollycourt 0911.
10: Hollycourt 2385; Superior 0855
11: Hollycourt 2385
12: Hollycourt 2385; Buckingham 1360
13: Diversey 6610
14: Hollycourt 2385; Longbeach 4900;
Longbeach 2100; Sunnyside 7061;
Palisade 9654.

January 17: Longbeach 2100; Sunnyside 7061;
 18: Sunnyside 7061; Longbeach 2100;
 Rogers Park 5183;
 19: Superior 9212; Buckingham 4822.
 20: Longbeach 3127;
 21: Longbeach 6810.

February 2: Superior 5511; Harrison 3800;
 Longbeach 8950.
 10: Randolph 6280; Seeley 7490;
 Calumet 7460.
 20: State 9570;
 21: Longbeach 6810
 22: Edgewater 3603
 23: Lakeview 7010; Lakeview 5026;
 Edgewater 3603; Longbeach 8900;
 Dorchester 9603.
 24: Calumet 4300; Bittersweet 9822;
 Lakeview 7010; Ardmore 4106;
 Rogers Park 9462;
 25: Ardmore 4106; Edgewater 3603
 26: Longbeach 8155
 28: Sunnyside 7061; Lawndale 4615;
 Lakeview 7010; State 3801.

It is to be noted that Frost is the owner of two automobiles, identical with those mentioned in the memorandum of Special Agent Hall to Inspector Rorer, dated February 22, 1934. The Plymouth car was in the possession of Frost at the time of the interview. He informed that the Cadillac was in the possession of Mrs. Frost at Kansas City, Missouri where she was attempting to dispose of it.

It was not deemed advisable to question Frost with regard to Mrs. H. Medley, presumed to be located at 741 North 26th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO INSPECTOR ROBER:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

As per your request, reference is had to Director's letter addressed to you under date of February 28, 1934, concerning certain information which received publicity, among them being the wall paper, serial numbers on the bank notes, and with reference to an unidentified man and woman who fled from an apartment in St. Paul, all I can say with reference to these matters is the fact that I am positive that none of this information was obtained from any employee in the St. Paul Division Office and I, personally, have never made any statement about this case to any representative of any newspaper, or anyone else, outside of the Division.

It is my belief that the reference to the wall paper was obtained in an interview by the press with the Victim in the case; that the bank notes serials, undoubtedly, was assumed by the press to be a fact, having been a practice well known to the public and the press in previous kidnaping cases. As to the parties leaving the apartment, I know that this information did not come from this office. However, it is possible that, after the police and agents from this office had made inquiry at the apartment house and nearby premises someone may have made a remark relative thereto and the paper heard about it.

With reference to Director's letter of February 27, 1934, as to the racketeer business in the Commercial State Bank, I have no information to this effect other than hearsay. I heard it said that BREMER was an unwilling witness against GLECHMAN, but the United States Attorney for this district has no information relative thereto for the reason that MR. MORRISON, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who handled the case has all records and data relative to that case. I recall that, at one time, Mr. Nathan and myself interviewed ADOLPH BREMER, father of the Victim, and mention was made, in effect, that it was understood that EDWARD was about to be a Government witness in the GLECHMAN trial, to which MR. BREMER replied that EDWARD had fixed that up with the Government and it was not necessary for him to appear.

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I did not look into the allegations of numerous racketeers doing business at the Commercial Bank for the reason that it was not advisable to make any inquiry at the bank as long as the Victim had not been returned and, a few days thereafter, I was no longer to work on this case.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

WH:TC

CC Division



1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 8, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with you yesterday, there is quoted below a telegram received which was sent from Cedar Falls, Iowa, and which was received by me yesterday afternoon. It is quoted herewith:

"HAVE INFORMATION NOT GETTING THROUGH PROPER CHANNEL
FAST ENOUGH CONNECTS DAVENPORT

MRS VICTOR ALLEN 223 WESTERN AVE. WATERLOO
IOWA."

It is understood that you will have a special agent interview this woman at Waterloo, Iowa, which is the address given in her telegram. As I stated to you over the telephone, I recently made an investigation at Davenport, Iowa, in connection with the attempted kidnaping of Mr. E. P. Adler, a publisher of that city. An attempt was made to kidnap him in the Morrison Hotel in Chicago.

I rather assume that the information which this woman has pertains to the Bremer case. However, in the event it pertains to the attempted kidnaping of Mr. Adler, it is requested that you inform me.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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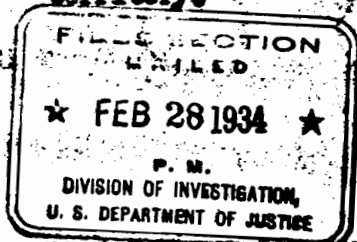
February 28, 1934.

Mr. R. G. Harvey,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Harvey:

Reference is made to the request made of your office by the St. Paul office for certain information concerning the purchasing of St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers in your territory.

I desire to be informed immediately as to the identity of the employee of this Division who signed the telegram or letter making this request of you and I further desire to be informed as to the length of any delay involved in answering your inquiry of the St. Paul office for information as to the distribution of St. Paul and Minneapolis newspapers in your territory.



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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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March 1, 1934.

MR. NATHAN —
MR. TOLSON —
MR. CLEGG —
MR. COWLEY —
MR. EDWARDS —
MR. EGAN —
MR. QUINN —
MR. LESTER —
MR. LOCKE —
MR. RORER —

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

I spoke to Mr. Clegg about the attached letter dated February 28, to Mr. Rorer, and he suggested the writing of a memorandum to you relative thereto.

I am fully cognizant of the lead sent out by the St. Paul office in connection with the Bremer kidnaping referred to in the attached communication. As a matter of fact, this was done at my instance. About a week or ten days before leaving St. Paul (I left on the night of February 26) I told Mr. Hanni to send telegrams to all field offices of the Division requesting that a check be made on all available news stands and places selling Twin Cities newspapers in their jurisdictions and that collateral offices be instructed to particularly bear in mind the identities of the Barker-Karpis gang. The purpose of this is manifest. All persons having a previous residence in certain cities and more particularly those who had committed crimes therein, are more or less interested in newspaper headlines in those cities. The kidnapers of Bremer would be particularly interested in the latest news flashes from the Twin Cities because of the fact that information developed there might seriously affect their future actions. These telegrams were sent out. I recall that a day or so thereafter Mr. Hanni told me that Mr. Harvey at Philadelphia had wired specifying an unusually large number of news stands in his district. It seems to me there were several thousand. He requested or suggested that lists of subscribers be secured from the Twin Cities newspaper offices. I told Mr. Hanni this would be entirely undesirable and that in view of the ardent desire of the Twin Cities newspapers for information they would or might infer the nature of this inquiry and blast it into the headlines; that not only no purpose would be served thereby but the value of this investigative step would be lost in all other parts of the country. As I recall it, I expressed some irritation at this evidence on the part of the Philadelphia office of a tendency not entirely uncommon in some sections of the country to exercise extremely punctilious detailed accuracy and thoroughness at the expense of individual initiative and imagination. As a matter of fact, I think I told Hanni that if Philadelphia could not function without our going to the newspaper offices in the Twin Cities, Philadelphia could be dropped from the list of those from whom information was expected. I really think I expressed myself stronger than that. I do not recall what further action was taken on the Philadelphia end of it. It may easily be that Mr. Hanni inferred that he need not communicate with Philadelphia further.

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Probably he should have advised Mr. Harvey to discontinue his worry along these lines. Incidentally I doubt very much whether the number of news stands in Mr. Harvey's jurisdiction were as many as he indicated. I rather think that he confused news stands with subscribers. As a matter of fact, other offices of the country were able to grasp the situation and function in a constructive manner. Before I left St. Paul a number of reports had been received from Chicago indicating circumstances in which possible identifications were made of the Barker-Karpis gang and another report, I think, was received from Kansas City indicating the suspicious character of an individual buying a Minneapolis paper registering at the Pickwick Hotel.

Very truly yours,


H. Nathan.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 28, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

The Division has been informed by several of its offices concerning the request made by the St. Paul Office or by the special detail assigned to investigate the Bremer case as to the sale of newspapers from Minneapolis and St. Paul in the territories covered by these offices.

The Division desires to be informed as to the reason for these leads, the extent and scope which it was requested that the leads be followed out and the identity of the employee making the request that such leads be followed.

It has also been understood that requests were made in turn of the St. Paul office or the Bremer case detail for information relative to the distribution of these papers, and these inquiries were either unanswered or there was a delay in answering them. Of course, the full purpose of these inquiries is not known to the Division and neither is it known whether it is advisable for you to make inquiries in St. Paul and Minneapolis relative to the distribution of the papers in question.

However, the Division desires to be informed thoroughly and in detail concerning the leads in question as well as the names of the offices to which such leads were forwarded.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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From: UNIT #1 Room 418

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To:

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☒ Mr. Nathan
☐ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Edwards
☐ Unit Two
☐ Unit Four
☐ Files Section
☐ Personnel Files Section
☐ Equipment Section
☐ Chief Clerk's Office
☐ Unit Five
☐ Identification Unit
☐ Statistical Section
☐ Technical Laboratory
☐ Mr. Baughman
☐ Mr. Cowley
☐ Mr. Kelliher
☐ Mr. Little
☐ Mr. Newby
☐ Mr. Stapleton
☐ Miss Gandy
☐ Washington Field Office
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*Will you advise Director
as per his memo?*

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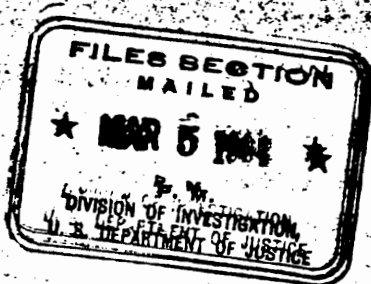
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In regard to your memorandum of March 1, 1934, concerning the request which was sent out by the St. Paul Office for all field offices of the Division to make a check on available news stands and places selling twin city newspapers in their jurisdiction, I am in full accord with the suggestion that such a plan was a desirable one as it might be productive of results in identifying some of the suspects in the Bremer case. The mistake which I think was made, however, was in being more specific in the telegram and stating exactly what purposes were desired to be served. Obviously, it would be impracticable and almost useless to try to check all of the news stands in Philadelphia which might sell Minneapolis papers. However, assuming that there are a number of stands in Philadelphia similar to those in New York and other large cities which handle out-of-town newspapers almost exclusively, and that it is the practice and custom of persons to visit these stands and buy such papers. Philadelphia could very readily have checked upon such stands. I have endeavored time and again to emphasize the fact that instructions issued to our field offices should be in very clear, simple, and detailed form because we have learned from experience that some, not all, have difficulty in grasping the meaning of the instructions which are issued from time to time. In this instance I feel that was the difficulty with our Philadelphia Office. I have no doubt but that Mr. Harvey would have been more than desirous of meeting the situation if he had really understood what was desired.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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Mrs. M. A. Horst,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. V-30.

Please refer to the report of Special Agent E. L. Rhivers dated February 24, 1934, in the above entitled case. It is requested that immediate investigation be conducted at the State Prison at Joliet, Illinois, for the purpose of obtaining photographs of the man described by Eddie Doll as White Anderson. When photographs are obtained, they should be forwarded immediately to the Jacksonville office for identification by Doll.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

With reference to your letter dated March 3rd
in connection with the registration of Ford Roadster, motor
No. A-514721, this is to advise you that this car has now
been traced and you may now disregard the matter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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Cc Division

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.,
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

The sample of wall paper submitted by the Philadelphia Division Office, by letter dated March 2, 1934, has been exhibited to Victim EDWARD GEORGE BREMER by Special Agent S.L. Fortenberry and Mr. Bremer has identified this sample positively as being identical with the paper which was on the wall of his bedroom at the hideout.

Please refer to the Philadelphia letter, a copy of which was furnished your office, and which indicates that this paper is described as pattern 515 of the year 1931, which paper was made exclusively for the Sears Roebuck Company. On the back of this sample are identification marks, as follows:

"Side wall 515 - Border 5515 - Ceiling 515".

In accordance with my telephonic request to you on the 5th instant, please conduct immediate and exhaustive investigation at Sears Roebuck Company.

Very truly yours,

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

I am in receipt of a letter from E. E. Ahlander,
United States Deputy Game Warden, Antioch, Illinois, dated
March 2, 1934, in which it is indicated that the sounds heard
by Bremer during the time that he was held captive may be
heard in Antioch, Illinois. It is requested that you cause
appropriate investigation to be conducted in the vicinity of
Antioch, Illinois, for the purpose of determining whether the
hideout may be located in Antioch.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite 1,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant requesting advice as to whether or not a canvass should be undertaken at this time of stores in the Kansas City district handling clothing similar to that furnished the victim in this case. I am awaiting advice which should be available within the next few days as to the places where the socks may have been sold and in view of the absence of this data at the present time, it is not requested that a canvass of the places now available be undertaken as it may develop that the socks were sold in several of the same towns where the other clothing is sold.

You will be further advised regarding this in the near future.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-80.

Communications from your office on this matter concerning dealers who handle clothing similar to that given to Bremer to wear indicates that underwear of this kind was sold by Friedman Brothers and that similar shirts were sold by J. Laing & Sons, both at Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Your letter of the third instant reflects the results of an investigation at Friedman Brothers' store which appears very pertinent to this case. It is now requested that similar investigation regarding the shirt be conducted at the store of J. Laing & Sons and further that this matter be given very early attention.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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Cc Division

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file V-30.

Please refer to the report of Special Agent J. J. Motealfe
dated 2-20-34 at Chicago.

It is believed that further and more exhaustive investigation
should be immediately conducted at Rockford for the purpose of locating
and thoroughly interrogating Rose Bianchi.

It is further requested that the outgoing telephone calls
from the Lafayette Hotel from January 17th to February 7, 1934, be
checked. It is believed advisable to interview the prostitutes who are
reported to be residing with Mrs. Rose Bianchi at 1535 Kishwaukee Street,
Rockford.

Thorough investigation should also be conducted at Rockford,
Illinois, with a view to ascertaining whether the five-gallon gasoline
cans involved in this case could have been obtained there.

In view of the fact that the socks which were purchased for
Victim Bremer were manufactured at Rockford, Illinois, investigation
should be conducted to determine whether any retailers in Rockford,
Illinois, sell this sock; and thorough investigation should be made at
any store which sells them. It is possible that the Rockford mill sells
these socks directly to the retailers in Rockford.

Please give very thorough attention to Rockford, Illinois,
from all angles of this case, and to the territory immediately adjacent
to Rockford.

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Very truly yours,

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

MR. E. H. GLENN of the Division telephoned that the Philadelphia office had located what they believed to be a sample of the wall paper which was in victim's room at the hideout. He stated that the paper is believed to be pattern No. 515, which is a 1931 line of paper, manufactured by the United Wall Paper Company, York, Pennsylvania, and it is made exclusively for Sears Roebuck & Company. It is a cheap paper selling for from 5¢ to 8¢.

MR. GLENN advised that Sears Roebuck & Company are believed to keep sales invoices of all sales and could possibly identify the sale of this paper.

It is suggested that immediate investigation be made of Sears Roebuck & Company in the Twin Cities with a view to locating samples or identifying this particular pattern from the catalogue. If this can not be done, the Chicago office should be immediately telephoned for the matter to be checked there.

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

St. Paul, Minnesota
February 22, 1934

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-20

DIVISION ONE
Reference is made to report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated
KRMAR 0312 2-20-34 in which report it was stated that the BARKER brothers
and/or BERNARD PHILLIPS and ALVIN KARPIS had a sand colored 12-cylinder
Ambur Sedan, 1932 model, motor No. 324, Missouri license tags 1932 No.
568014 and that this car was registered in the name of ARTHUR F. HUNTER,
and that the above mentioned parties fled to Minnesota in this car in 1933
after arrest of KEATING and HOLDEN in Kansas City on 7-7-33.

In an effort to trace this car, a thorough check was made at
the Minnesota Auto License Bureau, St. Paul, Minnesota. It was ascertained
that this car was not registered in Minnesota in 1932 or 1933 and has not
been registered in Minnesota for 1934. Neither was a visitor's permit
applied for in Minnesota in 1932 or 1933 for the above car.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. MARSHALL,
Special Agent.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
412 U. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. L. Shivers dated February 24, 1934, wherein Edward Doll refers to a meeting during the latter part of the summer of 1933 at Gary, Indiana, at which time there were present Edward Doll, Whitie Anderson, Ed Bentz, and the brother of Jack Pfeiffer (this very probably is Leroy Pfeiffer, dentist of St. Paul).

It is requested that this matter be gone into further with Doll with a view to ascertaining any further information and particularly determining whether the location of a hideout was discussed. Any information which may be obtained from him indicating the place where the victims of the proposed kidnappings on the part of Bentz and Pfeiffer were to be hidden should be immediately furnished this office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 5, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
11100 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

In confirmation of our telephone conversation of the 5th instant, it is requested that discreet efforts be made to obtain photographs of Louis Cernocky alias "Big Louie" referred to on page 6 of the report of Special Agent E. R. McIntire dated 3-2-34 at Chicago. This office has information that immediately prior to the kidnaping of Bremer, a suspicious person known as "Big Louie", together with a young, slender, nervous man, occupied an apartment in St. Paul and disappeared on the night following the kidnaping.

It is desired that photographs of Cernocky be obtained in order to determine, if possible, whether he is the "Big Louie" above referred to.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
311 Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

March 5, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Division's letter dated March 1, 1934, requesting an explanation for the delay in the assignment of an Agent to secure articles from the Division's Criminological Laboratory with a view to determining where they were manufactured.

Promptly upon the receipt of telephonic instructions from Mr. Clegg on the afternoon of February 22, 1934, Special Agent C. G. Schenken endeavored to contact one of the Agents assigned to this office with a view to carrying out Mr. Clegg's instructions. All of the Agents attached to this office were away from the office conducting active investigations in connection with a kidnaping case at Stafford, Va., and eight applicants for the position of Inspector with the Alcoholic Beverage Unit. Inasmuch as February 22 was a holiday in most Government departments, the writer communicated by telephone with the Bureau of Standards and ascertained that there was no one at the Bureau of Standards on that day who would be in a position to assist in the identification of the tin cans in question. In view of this situation, it was necessary to postpone the efforts to identify these tin cans until the following day. During the afternoon and early evening of February 22 this office was in telephonic communication with Mr. Coffey on another matter on several occasions, and at no time did Mr. Coffey inquire concerning when an Agent would arrive at his office to carry out the desired investigation.

On Friday morning, February 23, Special Agent B. M. Hirsh was sent to see Mr. Coffey at the Criminological Laboratory, at which time Mr. Coffey furnished Agent Hirsh with photographs of the tin cans in question, together with a pillow, for purposes of

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identification of manufacturer. At that time, Mr. Coffey informed Mr. Hirsh that he would have other articles later on to be identified by manufacturer.

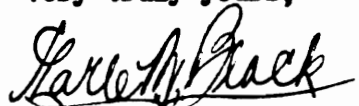
On Saturday morning, February 24, Special Agent R. P. Burruss was informed at the Bureau of Standards that it would be impossible to identify the manufacturer of the tin cans in question. It was suggested that there were three manufacturers of tin cans at Baltimore, Md., who might be able to identify the cans in question, if shown the cans themselves rather than photographs of the cans. On Saturday afternoon Agent Levin communicated this information to Assistant Director J. J. Edwards with a request that the tin cans be loaned to Agent Levin for use in further investigation at Baltimore. Mr. Edwards informed Agent Levin that the tin cans and other articles would not be available for investigative use until Monday morning, February 26.

On the morning of February 26, Special Agent B. M. Hirsh was assigned to pick up two of the tin cans in question and proceed to Baltimore for the purpose of identifying the manufacturer of these cans. At the same time, Special Agent Levin was instructed to secure the other articles in the possession of the Criminological Laboratory for investigation at Washington, D. C. These articles which were loaned to Agent Levin were returned by him to Mr. Edwards on Monday afternoon, at which time he made a verbal report of the developments resulting from his investigation. With reference to the cap mentioned in the Division's letter, Special Agent Levin has advised that he was told by Mr. Coffey not to take the cap with him on his investigation, but merely to determine the headquarters of a Union whose label appeared in the cap. Agent Hirsh returned from Baltimore late Monday evening, and on Tuesday morning he returned the tin cans to the Criminological Laboratory, where he made a verbal report of his findings.

Later on Tuesday, February 27, Agents Hirsh and Levin dictated a joint report, setting forth their findings. This report

was typed on the same date, and copies were forwarded to the Division early on the morning of February 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,



EARLE M. BLACK, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

MR. Nathan	_____
MR. Tolson	_____
MR. Clegg	_____
MR. Cowley	_____
MR. Edwards	_____
MR. Egan	_____
MR. Quinn	_____
MR. Lester	_____
MR. Locke	_____
MR. Rorer	_____

February 28, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

[REDACTED] confidentially advised an agent of this office that about a week ago, Detective William J. Meehan had received a letter from H. B. Barr, Deputy Constable, Fort Worth, Texas, in which Barr stated that a member of a gang had been arrested there after he had stuck up a drug store and that it became his duty to guard this man while he was in the hospital being treated for wounds received at the time of his arrest. While he did not mention this man's name, he stated this man told him all about his Twin Cities connections; that he had lived in the Twin Cities and that "Doc" Barker, Karpis, and other members of the gang had an apartment at Marshall and Cleveland Avenues in St. Paul.

He stated that the gang consisted of Ray Miller, aged 22 years, 6 feet tall, 145 pounds, who has served time in the Lansing, Kansas, State Penitentiary; Jess Doyle, #11261 Oklahoma State Penitentiary, who had served time in the Lansing, Kansas, State Penitentiary; Bill Scott, who has served time in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester. He stated these men had a number of chauffeur's caps and that Doyle was one of the men who wore the chauffeur's caps. He also made reference to the fact that they had associated with Verne Sankey. This information, of course, is incorrect inasmuch as Sankey's whereabouts have been established.

He further advised that all these men contacted Jack Glynn, a former Chief of Police at Leavenworth, Kansas, who has connections with a business man by the name of Graham who is a friend of the Governor of Kansas and they are not afraid of ever having to return to the Kansas State Penitentiary.

Special Agents O. G. Hall and R. C. Coulter interviewed Ed Wiechman, janitor of the Cleomar Apartments at 2026 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, who advised that he had had some hoodlums residing at that place in the past. These hoodlums were Karpis, Harry Campbell, and [REDACTED].

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Volney Davis, among others, were exhibited to him and he immediately recognized the photographs of the Barker brothers and Karpis as men who had occupied apartment No. 37 during the early part of 1933 for a period of approximately two months. He stated that he particularly remembered the little fellow, referring to Fred Barker, and that he and "Doc" Barker posed as brothers and that an old woman, known as Mother Kate, posed as their mother. He stated that they used only the name of Gordon and that he did not know which one was supposed to be Gordon; that these men undoubtedly came to his apartment house on the recommendation of one Jack Pfeiffer, who had formerly lived there; that they were well known to L. M. Pfeiffer, who is a dentist and has an office on the second floor of the building across the street from the apartment house. He stated that L. M. Pfeiffer was residing in the Cleomar Apartments at the time Karpis and the Barkers resided there.

He advised that he had seen them in possession of a large Auburn Sedan bearing Kansas State motor vehicle license for the year 1933 No. 88X307; and a new appearing Chevrolet Sedan bearing Minnesota motor vehicle license for the year 1933 No. B14431.

He stated that during September, 1933, L. M. Pfeiffer wrecked his car and was in the hospital for a considerable period of time; and after he became able to come to his office, Karpis drove him up there a number of times in a dark Buick Coupe, the license number of which he was never able to get.

He stated that these men would go away from their apartment for as long as two weeks at a time and on one of these occasions, he searched their apartment and found four or five chauffeur's caps, together with other clothing they had left.

He further advised that from time to time, these men are contacting L. M. Pfeiffer at the above place and just before Christmas of 1933 he saw "Doc" Barker sitting in a Ford Coupe at the corner of Cleveland and Marshall Avenues in front of L. M. Pfeiffer's office.

With further reference to the exact dates the Barkers and Karpis occupied the apartment at that address, Mr. Wiechman stated he had no record. However, he recalled it was prior to the robbery of the bank in Minneapolis where the officers were shot. This was approximately March, 1933. He stated that the day after the robbery, L. M. Pfeiffer saw one of the Barkers in the hall and asked him (Wiechman) what he thought of Barker, and Wiechman replied that he did not look good to him; and that night all of them disappeared and have not since resided in his building.

Kate Barker

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Mr. Wiechman further advised that shortly before they left that address, they were in possession of three new Chevrolet Sedans, the license number of which he may have secured but which he does not now possess.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Dallas Division office in order that Deputy Constable Barr may be contacted for more complete information as it is definitely known that the information he furnished in his letter is authentic. Under no circumstances should it be indicated to him that the source of the Division's information came from the Twin Cities.

Very truly yours,


W.A. RORER, Inspector.

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Des Moines, Ia.
February 26, 1934.

Mr. E. C. Spear,
Division of Investigation,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Re. Unknown Subjects
Edward G. Bremer - victim
Kidnaping. K.C. #7-57

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I secured from the Des Moines Police Department profile and front view picture of John Waters, alias Co-About-Riley #2680. Also included is full length picture of Riley and a profile and front view picture of Nina Snyder, girl friend of Co-About-Riley.

One each of the above pictures are being forwarded to the Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City Offices tonight in order that they may have them the first thing in the morning and make as many copies as desired. While you gave the Sheriff's office number of the picture you wanted, I presumed you wanted the best pictures, therefore I secured the Police pictures which are far superior.

John Waters is described as age 42, born January 8, 1892, height 5'11", weight 207, hair dark, turning gray, eyes gray, right index finger broken and finger stiff at middle joint. Waters was born and raised in Des Moines, Ia. The pictures enclosed were taken in December 1931.

Nina Snyder is described as being now age 27, height 5'6 1/2", weight 136 lbs, hair dark, eyes brown. Her correct name is said to be Shockley and she comes from Ames, Ia.

Very truly yours,

CC-St. Paul
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O. C. Dewey
Special Agent

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Mr. L. D. Waller, Manager,
L. C. Smith & Corona Typewriters, Inc.,
1018 15th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

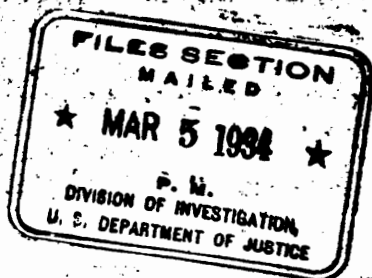
Dear Sir:

This will confirm the return by special messenger of
the Corona typewriter, three keyboard, #JX652304, the property
of your company.

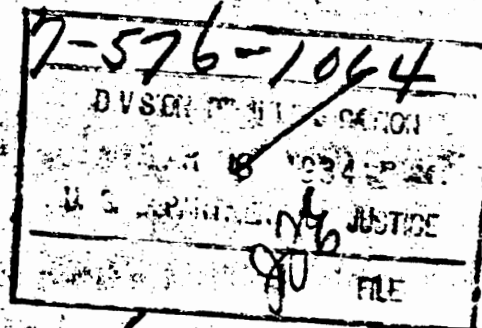
Permit me to again express my appreciation of the
excellent cooperation furnished by your office in loaning this
machine.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Division of Investigation
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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 115,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter dated February 22, 1934, advising that Special Agent Fish Whitson of this office had been in your territory at Anamosa, Iowa, on February 20, 1934, with the Sheriff from Davenport, Iowa, relative to a lead in the Bremer Kidnapping Case.

As a matter of record to your office, you are advised that Agent Whitson submitted the following memorandum to me:

Agent ascertained from Post Office at Maquoketa, Iowa, that town siren blows noons only on week days, no factory or other whistles. Postmaster at Anamosa, Iowa, stated that town siren blows noons, no factory whistles. He said in regard to Monticello, Iowa, that they have a siren and a feather-duster factory, which used to have a whistle, but is of the opinion that that whistle is not used now.

Postmistress at Tyng, Iowa, stated that the town siren blew 7:00 a.m., noon and 6:00 p.m., no other whistles. Postmaster at Oxford Junction, Iowa, stated that the siren blows 7:00 a.m., noon and 6:00 p.m. - occasionally blows by mistake on Sundays - no other whistles. Postmaster at Lost Nation, Iowa, stated siren blows 7:00 p.m., noon and 6:00 p.m. - blows short blasts on Sundays for fires - has special code for giving location of fires -

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three churches there, all ring bells for services - no other whistles of any description..

Very truly yours,

L. E. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge,

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS MARCH 4 1934

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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BREKID SECURE IMMEDIATELY FROM CLEM SMITH STATE FIRE MARSHALL
INDIANAPOLIS A LIST OF TOWNS IN INDIANA IN WHICH FIRES OCCURRED
BETWEEN JANUARY FIFTEENTH AND FEBRUARY TENTH LAST PARTICULAR
ATTENTION TO JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT ADVISE STRAUL AND CHICAGO

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Division of Investigation
1900 Bankers Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

Charge 10:00 A.M.

March 5, 1934

Mr. D.M.Ladd
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
801 Title Guaranty Building
St. Louis, Missouri

BREKID SECURE IMMEDIATELY FROM STATE FIRE MARSHAL SPRINGFIELD

ILLINOIS LIST OF TOWNS IN ILLINOIS IN WHICH FIRES OCCURRED

BETWEEN JANUARY FIFTEENTH AND FEBRUARY TENTH LAST PARTICULAR

ATTENTION TO JANUARY TWENTY EIGHTH ADVISE SAINT PAUL AND

CHICAGO

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CHECK
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

K.C.MO. 3-2-34

VERNE HANNI
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

BREKID THIRTY FOUR NEBRASKA PLATES ONE FOUR SEVEN SEVEN NAUGHT NOT ISSUED STOP
THIRTY THREE NEBRASKA PLATES SAME NUMBERS ISSUED TO MATT BASAN TWENTY NINE
NAUGHT THREE S STREET OMAHA FOR TWENTY NINE MODEL HUDSON SEDAN MOTOR FIVE FIVE
NAUGHT EIGHT FOUR TWO BASAN A BOOTLEGGER AT OMAHA PRESENT TIME WITH CAR AND
PLATES ATTACHED THEREON

SPEAR ACTING

MCS-c
Chg: Div. of Investigation-
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L-Federal Bldg.,
K.C.Mo.
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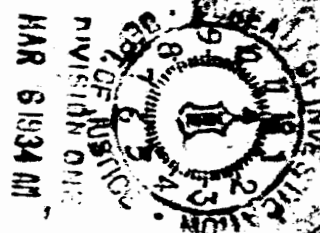
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE

1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 3, 1934.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
903-A U. S. Court House & Post Office Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.



Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82.

Your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent
B. L. Shivers, Jacksonville, dated February 23, 1934, and particular
reference is made to pages 23, 24 and 25 thereof, wherein EDDIE FOLEY
declares that Gus Stone is the "trigger man" in the Kansas City
Massacre.

Particular attention is also directed to the fact that
Gus Stone is also well acquainted with one "Red", who is unquestion-
ably "Red" Price, now incarcerated in the Colorado State Penitentiary
at Canon City, Colorado. Attention is further directed to the fact
that "Red" became ill in Chicago, about a year ago last Spring, and
was confined in a hospital and that Gus and his wife used to visit
"Red" while he was in the hospital.

Attention is now directed to the physical description of
Gus Stone, contained on page 25 of the aforementioned report; also,
to the report of Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, Salt Lake City, dated
February 21, 1934, which discloses an interview with "Red" Price,
set forth on pages 5 and 6 thereof. Price mentions an individual
known as Gus Stevens, whom he says may be located through Frank Hays
of the Hays Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. It is to be noted that Eddie
Foley also suggested that Gus Stone could be located through this
hotel.

Price in his interview indicated he was confined in a
hospital in Chicago, Illinois and that during that time, he was
visited by Gus Stevens and his wife, known to him as Edna.

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Particular reference should be had to the personal description of Gus Stevens, which compares favorably with the personal description of Gus Stone, furnished by Eddie Foley, at Tampa, Florida.

It is believed, through the information contained in the above mentioned reports, that Gus Stevens and Gus Stone are identical.

Investigation conducted by the Dallas Office discloses that there was found among the personal effects of Paula Harmon, who is known to be an associate of KARPIS and the BARKERS, a photograph of an unknown woman, which photograph is in the possession of this office at the present time. Investigation conducted by the Chicago Office has disclosed that a woman by the name of Stone is living at 811 Cornelia Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe, of this office, who had the picture of the unknown woman in his possession when making an investigation, positively identified it as a likeness of Mrs. Stone, living at the Cornelia Avenue address. This photograph, therefore, is being forwarded herewith to the Salt Lake City Office, with the request that it be immediately exhibited to "Red" Price, at Canon City, Colorado, and he should be asked if he can identify this photograph as a likeness of "Ginger" Stevens, or "Ginger" Stone. Price has referred to the wife of Gus Stevens as "Ginger". Price should further be questioned as to the criminal record of Gus Stevens, or for any other source through which a photograph of Stevens may be secured.

The JACKSONVILLE OFFICE will make similar inquiries of Eddie Foley, concerning Gus Stone.

The expeditious handling of the investigation set forth in this letter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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CC: DIVISION, St. Paul,
Dallas, Jacksonville,
Kansas City.
(ENC - Salt Lake)
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M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

Addendum: It is requested that when the photograph of Mrs. Stone herewith enclosed has served its purpose, same be returned to the Chicago Office.

Post Office Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 8, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It has become necessary to relieve Special Agent R. C. Coulter from assignment on the Bremer Kidnaping Case for approximately four days, in order that he may confer with the United States Attorney at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and do approximately two days investigative work in the vicinity of Kimball, South Dakota, in connection with the case entitled RED VENUE SANKRY, with aliases (deceased); et al, CHARLES BOETTCHER, II, Victim; Kidnaping.

Agent Coulter has been assigned to this case and is familiar with the facts and the United States Attorney at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, specifically requested that he proceed to Sioux Falls, for the purpose of conferring with him in same.

It is expected that Agent Coulter will complete this assignment not later than March 10, 1934.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
201 Title Guaranty Bldg.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER
Victim; KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter
from A. Brady, Mayor, Macomb, Illinois, under date of
February 27, 1934, and copies of a circular letter bearing
the signature of W. A. Rorer, Inspector, wherein there are
described the various sounds heard by Edward G. Bremer at
the time he was held captive.

It is desired that the St. Louis office cause
appropriate investigation to be conducted in Macomb, Illinois,
for the purpose of attempting to locate the hideout. It
will be noted in the information provided in the letter
received from A. Brady that the sounds which were heard by
Bremer during the period of his captivity apparently can be
heard in Macomb, Illinois.

Kindly give this matter prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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W. A. Rorer

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CITY OF BUSHNELL

Office of the Mayor

Special Agent,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th.

We have a fire siren which blows only when there is a fire.

In Macomb, Ill., 15 miles SW of Bushnell, there is almost such a whistle or siren that blows each morning at 7 o'clock; a good many freight and passenger trains pass through there, and there are also factory whistles blowing about same time as the whistle that sounds like a siren blows. The latter does not blow on Sundays, but the Macomb authorities could tell you whether it did blow on a certain Sunday. Macomb also has a landing field and a number of planes flying around there.

Yours truly,

A. BRADY,
Mayor.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 24, 1934.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

Your assistance is respectfully requested by the Division of Investigation of the U.S. Department of Justice in the location of a community, a point from which could have been heard the following sounds:

1. A loud stationary siren, which would sound early each week day morning and at approximately the same time that a factory whistle blew. This siren was heard to blow only on week days with the exception of one Sunday morning at which time it gave three or four short soundings.

2. From the place from which this siren could be heard, there could also be heard a church bell which rang each Saturday afternoon and again several times each Sunday morning but not on any other day or at any other time. There could also be heard another church bell which rang only on each Sunday morning. This bell rang on only one occasion each Sunday.

3. From the same place could be heard a shifting locomotive engine and many passing railroad trains and, occasionally, aero planes.

In view of the fact that you are believed to have a stationary siren, it is respectfully requested that you advise, by return mail, in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, whether you believe such a place is in your locality.

It is requested that the contents of this letter be kept in strict confidence.

Your prompt reply and any assistance which you may render will be gratefully appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W.A. Rorer
W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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Enc.

Division of Investigation
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Suite 1 -
Federal Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.
March 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al -
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Pursuant to telegraphic request of Inspector W. A. Rorer on
March 1, 1934, and confirming my telegram of March 2nd, please
be advised that:

THIRTY FOUR NEBRASKA PLATES ONE FOUR SEVEN SEVEN NAUGHT NOT
ISSUED NOT THIRTY THREE NEBRASKA PLATES SAME NUMBERS ISSUED
TO MATT BASAN TWENTY NINE NAUGHT THREE S STREET OMAHA FOR TWENTY
NINE MODEL HUDSON SEDAN MOTOR FIVE FIVE NAUGHT EIGHT FOUR TWO
BASAN A BOOTLEGGER AT OMAHA PRESENT TIME WITH CAR AND PLATES
ATTACHED THEREON. 550,742

Very truly yours,

M. E. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
1900 Bankers Building,

CHARGE

Chicago, Illinois, March 8, 1934, 10:50 A.M.

D. BRANTLEY,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
224 FEDERAL BUILDING,
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

ON JANUARY EIGHTEENTH LAST EMILY NEWBOLD SISTER OF KARPIS CALLED DOROTHY
SLAYMAN WIFE OF KARPIS AT RESIDENCE OF MRS RALPH PIPER FOURTEEN THIRTEEN
SOUTH MAIN STREET TULSA TELEPHONE TEN FORTY THREE M INVESTIGATE LETTER
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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

March 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward G. Bremer (Victim)
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 23, 1934, addressed to the New York Division Office in connection with the above case wherein request is made to check certain news stands in Dallas and Ft. Worth, Texas with a view of determining whether the names of the individuals who purchased Minneapolis and St. Paul Newspapers could be ascertained.

You are advised that the J & M (not L & M) News and Cigar Store, located at 1611-A Elm Street, and the Central News Stand located at 103 South Akard Street, both of Dallas; also the Post Office News Stand located at 4 Jennings Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, were checked and it was learned that four Sunday issues of the Minneapolis Journal are handled by said Dallas News Stands and one Sunday issue of this paper is handled by the said Ft. Worth News Stand, which newspapers have been purchased irregularly by responsible citizens of Dallas for a period of more than a year. With regard to the Ft. Worth Subscriber, his order for the Minneapolis Journal was placed four months ago; however, his name was not secured at the time and he has not called for a paper for the past two months.

The photographs of the Karpis-Barker Gang were exhibited to the owners of the above news stands, none of whom were able to identify them as the individuals who have called for or purchased the above issues. Said parties are unknown to them.

For your information, a check was made of news stands in the principal cities of the Dallas District. However, none of the news stands so checked handled the Minneapolis or St. Paul Papers.

Very truly yours,

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 8, 1934.

Mr. Charles E. Sandall,
United States Attorney,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES EDWARD BREMER-VICTIM
KIDNAPING CASE.

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 19, 1934, with which you enclosed a letter received by your office from Chester C. Clark of Wymore, Nebraska, containing information, which Clark thought might have a bearing on the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

I regret that through oversight your letter has not been acknowledged previously.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 6, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

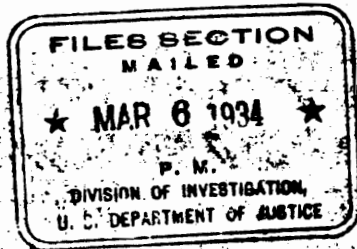
Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects,
Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, there are being transmitted
under separate cover by registered mail the two remaining empty
gasoline cans and the funnel which were submitted to the laboratory
by your office. The other two cans were turned over to the Washington
Field Office for investigation with a view to determining the manu-
facturer and subsequently the distributors and retailers.

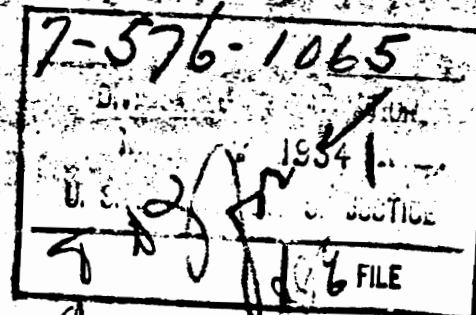
Very truly yours,

Director.

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
March 5, 1934

W. A. Rorer, Inspector
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
803 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
Kidnaping

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Dear Sir:

Lieutenant Philip L. Hutson of the Detective Bureau of the Michigan State Police at East Lansing, Michigan, called me Saturday, March 3, advising that he had received information at South Bend, Indiana, which appeared to be important, in connection with the above entitled matter. I arranged to personally confer with him at East Lansing yesterday and he informed me that a man whose name he cannot divulge at this time and who has proved himself to be in the past a very reliable confidential informant, told him that one Maurice Brown, an ex-convict who served a sentence in the Michigan State Penitentiary at Jackson, Michigan, on a rape charge and whose home is located at Cassopolis, Michigan, recently accompanied by an individual whom he called "Doc".

advised the Lieutenant that these two individuals were involved in the kidnaping of Bremer. Lieutenant Hutson attempted to closely question the informant regarding his reason for so thinking, and the informant stated that he could not furnish him any additional information at this time but that the Lieutenant could rest assured that these men were involved in the instant offense.

Lieutenant Hutson advised me that he has known the informant for nineteen years;

but that the information furnished in the past has been based on the friendly relationship existing between the Lieutenant and the informant. He further advised that he has always found the informant's information very

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Reliable. Hence the Lieutenant attaches much significance to the statement made by the informant regarding Brown being connected with this matter. b7d

It is the Lieutenant's thought that evidently Brown and his associate Lee displayed some of the ransom money [redacted] [redacted] that they did some talking in that place which was overheard by the informant.

Lieutenant Hutson who is a very efficient officer who has always cooperated very fully with this Division and who has always been found to be extremely dependable and reliable in every respect stated that he requested the informant [redacted] to make an attempt to secure some money, particularly five and ten dollar bills, from Brown and his companion [redacted] and then to immediately telephonically contact Lieutenant Hutson for the purpose of examining the money. [redacted]

Lieutenant Hutson further advised that the informant told him that these two men [redacted] a few days following the release of Bremer. The Lieutenant has had Brown under observation for a long time knowing that he has been involved with certain gangsters from Chicago. Hutson first came in contact with Brown while he, Brown, was serving the sentence in the Michigan State Penitentiary.

With respect to his companion Lee, Hutson recalled an individual, wanted in Detroit in connection with a murder, named Leo Cellura alias Black Lee, and secured a photograph of this individual which he forwarded [redacted] and same was readily identified as that of the individual [redacted] Cellura, Lieutenant Hutson informs me, is a dangerous individual, and was mentioned in connection with the Jerry Buckley murder at Detroit, and has a long criminal record.

At the time these two persons [redacted] they were driving a Ford V-8 coach, 1935 model, which car belongs to Brown. Brown, Hutson informs me, was definitely connected with E. J. Rossi alias Ronson, who was recently killed in Chicago, and who following his apprehension by Division Agents of the Chicago office was identified as being a participant in the bank robbery at Holland, Michigan, in 1932. Also, he is an alleged associate of Ted Kintus alias Kellogg, who was also recently killed in Chicago, and who was alleged to be involved in kidnappings in [redacted] 141

He stated that about two years ago Rossi under the name of Hanson, Klutas as Kellogg, and Brown were questioned by the Sheriff at Cassopolis, Michigan, which is near the Indiana State line and not very far from South Bend, Indiana, when they were found loitering in a restaurant in that city on the day a robbery was perpetrated at the home of Mr. Ritter, an official of a bank at Cassopolis. These three individuals however did not take part in this particular robbery, but it was presumed that they were in Cassopolis for no good purpose. The reason for setting out this angle is to show the connection between Brown, Rossi and Klutas. At the time they were questioned at Cassopolis they were driving a sixteen-cylinder Cadillac which was alleged to be the property of Brown. Records indicate that Brown was released from the Michigan State Penitentiary December 1, 1930.

In connection with Cellura and Brown, Lieutenant Hutson called my attention to the fact that Ed Bents was also an inmate of the Michigan State Penitentiary while Brown was incarcerated therein, and it is very evident that Brown and Bents are closely associated.

Lieutenant Hutson also called my attention to one Herman Kierdorf alias Herman Richards who was arrested in June, 1932, on a charge of impersonating a Government officer, and was sentenced in October 1932 to serve eighteen months in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth. He stated that Kierdorf has the reputation of being an extortionist, and there is the possibility that Brown would also be connected with this individual.

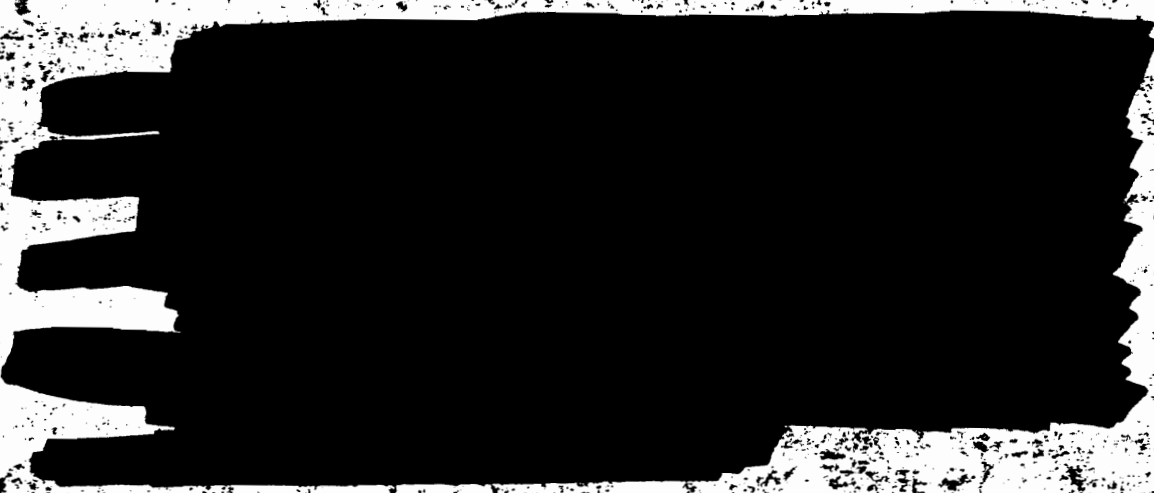
Detroit Police Department circular number 3367 which was issued November 20, 1930, for Cellura, is being attached to copies of this letter. This circular includes the complete description of Cellura with photograph and fingerprints. He is badly wanted at the present time in Detroit. His previous criminal record is as follows:

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Cellura I am informed talks with quite a definite Italian accent.

Following is the description of Maurice Brown, Michigan State Identification Bureau number 28923:

Age 28
Height 126
Weight 5 feet 6 1/2 inches
Slim build
Dark brown hair
Eyes hazel
Complexion fair
Peculiarity: talks very snappily and chops his words

A good photograph of Brown was furnished by Lieutenant Hutson which is being transmitted herewith to the St. Paul office to be displayed to Mr. Bremer. This photograph bears in addition to the Michigan State Identification number, Michigan State Penitentiary number 19979.

Kierdorf is described as follows:

Age 43
Height 5 feet 7 inches
Weight 171
Build medium
Hair dark brown, partially bald
Eyes hazel
Complexion dark
Nationality American
Detroit PD number 30643

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A copy of his photograph secured from the Detroit Police taken in 1929 is also being forwarded to the St. Paul office. His United States Penitentiary number is 42456. Klardorf I am informed was formerly employed by Cellura as bartender at Ecorse, Michigan.

With regard to the Holland Bank robbery Lieutenant Hutson informed me that he conducted quite an extensive investigation of this matter but nothing definite developed. He stated that it is his opinion that this robbery was perpetrated by Ed Dents, Rossi alias Monaca mentioned in this communication, with perhaps three or four other unknown individuals. Rossi it will be noted in this communication was a close friend of Brown. However Lieutenant Hutson does not believe that Brown took part in the Holland Bank robbery.

Lieutenant Hutson was unable to furnish any further information than that already obtained with regard to the Holland crime except that he is of the impression that a hat and possibly a coat were found following the robbery which had evidently been dropped by one of the gang; that these two items should be in the possession of the Chief of Police at Holland. He stated that at one time he, Lieutenant Hutson, was arranging to take the hat to Chicago and exhibit it to Mr. Janis, a member of the Chicago Secret Six, for the purpose of attempting to identify same, but the Chief of Police, instead of turning same over to the lieutenant, took steps to himself make the identification, which Lieutenant Hutson believes was unsuccessful.

Lieutenant Hutson has no idea who prepared the get-away chart which was found following the Holland robbery and has never either directly or indirectly learned where same was prepared. The Lieutenant suggested that while investigation is being conducted in an attempt to ascertain the identity of the typewriter on which the chart was prepared that it might be well to examine the typewriters in possession of Joe Bergl who is closely associated with a great many Chicago gangsters and who operates a large garage at Cicero, Illinois. In this respect it will be noted in my previous communications that Cathryn Kelly also mentioned the name of Joe Bergl as being an associate of Bates, Bailey and others.

Lieutenant Hutson advised me that within the next few days he will arrange to make another trip [redacted] and suggested that I accompany him and he will introduce me to the confidential informant as a member of the Michigan State Police and arrange for me to be present when he, the Lieutenant, further discusses this matter with the informant. The Lieutenant suggested

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that we wait a few days before proceeding [redacted] as he feels that the informant might be more inclined to talk about the matter if he is not pushed too much.

I will keep in close touch with this situation and any further developments will be immediately reported. It is requested that the St. Paul office advise at the earliest possible moment if the photographs and descriptions of the persons listed herein in any sense compare with such information as is available concerning the abductors.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division
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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter addressed to you from the Detroit office, dated March 8, 1934, making reference to three suspects in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al. EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM - Kidnaping. The fingerprints of Maurice Brown, State Penitentiary, Jackson, Michigan #19979; Leo Cellura, alias Black Leo, wanted by the Detroit Police Department, and Herman Kierdorf, Detroit Police Department #35643, are being compared with the latent fingerprints in connection with your case and their fingerprints will be entered in the single fingerprint file maintained in the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

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February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING
St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

In connection with efforts being made by this office to locate the typewriter used in preparing the ransom notes, the Detroit office interviewed KATHERINE KELLEY, wife of George Kelley, convicted kidnaper, and learned from her that two years ago at the Admiral Hotel, in Minneapolis, she wrote a letter to her mother on a portable Corom typewriter. Information received from other sources indicates that this machine at the present time has not been located, and may be the machine which we are now seeking. It is therefore desired that the files of your office be examined very carefully for a typewritten letter from Katherine Kelley to her mother, dated about two years ago, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. If you should find such a letter, or any other letters which in your opinion might be of interest in this search, please forward same directly to the Scientific Laboratory of the Division, with the statement that a comparison is desired with the ransom letters written in this case, the Hamm kidnaping case, and the Holland, Michigan bank robbery.

Copies of this communication are being directed to the Dallas and San Antonio offices, with the request that they make a similar search for the same purpose.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORTER,
Inspector.

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From: UNIT #1 Room 418

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To:

☐ Director
☐ Mr. Nathan
☐ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Edwards
☐ Unit Two **104050**
☐ Unit Four
☐ Files Section
☐ Personnel Files Section
☐ Equipment Section
☐ Chief Clerk's Office
☐ Unit Five
☐ Identification Unit
☐ Statistical Section
☐ Technical Laboratory
☐ Mr. Baughman
☐ Mr. Cowley
☐ Mr. Little
☐ Mr. Newby
☐ Mr. Stapleton
☐ Mr. Stein
☐ Miss Candy
☐ Miss Finnell
☐ Washington Field Office
☐ Stenographic Pool
☐ Secretary
☐ Correct
☐ Re-write
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☐ See Me

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5 and 10 dollar bills--no
large variety of issues.

large suit box catons big
with heavy cord.

We demand \$200,000.
Payment must be made in
no consecutive numbers-

Place the money in two
the full amount and tie

no contact will be made 7-576
to pay as we direct.

*written on a Corom Typewriter with Pica
type, 10 to the inch. note the appearance
of the figure "7" instead of the small letter
"e".*

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March 2, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the St. Paul Office, dated February 23, 1934, addressed to your office, wherein you were requested to make every effort to locate a letter alleged to have been written by Katherine Kelly, wife of George Kelly, to her mother, on a portable Corona typewriter, about two years ago, which typewriter she alleges was located in the Admiral Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Division considers this request extremely important, and in addition thereto you are requested to locate correspondence which may have been received by relatives and associates of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang.

As of possible assistance, there is enclosed with each copy of this letter, a photographic copy of a portion of one of the ransom notes prepared on the portable typewriter which the Division is interested.

In addition to preparing the ransom notes in this case, this typewriter was used in also preparing the ransom notes in the Hamm Kidnaping case, as well as the "get-away" chart used in the Holland, Michigan bank robbery case.

The State Penitentiaries at McAlester, Oklahoma and Lansing, Kansas, as well as the United States Penitentiary, at Leavenworth, Kansas, should be considered as valuable sources of evidence along this line in the event correspondence with inmates of those institutions is preserved. Known associates of this gang have been and are now serving sentences in these institutions.

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Handwritten signatures and initials: J. Edgar Hoover, T. J. [unclear], H. C. [unclear], and others.

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The purpose of this particular line of inquiry is to trace to the source from which this correspondence has emanated. It is apparent that this typewriter has been used considerably during the time elapsing between the three crimes above referred to.

In line with the above inquiry, the Kansas City Office should give particular attention to the correspondence file of Lloyd Barker, alias Hoyd Anderson, #17249, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Lloyd Barker is to be released from that institution on parole July 16, 1934. There is transmitted herewith to the Kansas City and St. Paul Offices, a set of photostats taken from letters appearing in the file of Lloyd Barker, at the Parole Board, Washington, D. C.

The correspondence files of Francis L. Keating and Thomas Holden, also serving sentences at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, should be thoroughly examined. These two individuals were very closely associated with members of the Barker-Karpis gang and have no doubt been in communication with members of this gang since their return to the institution, July, 1932.

The above investigation should be given immediate attention in your district and the Kansas City Office district.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 665086
cc-Kansas City
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San Antonio
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P. O. Box # 987,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box # 988,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Immediately after receiving your telegram of this date,
requesting that you be furnished with a recent photograph of
Bobbie Moore obtainable at the Federal Industrial Institution
for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, telephonic communication
was had with Miss Helen Hironimus, Assistant Superintendent of
said Institution, who was requested to forward said photograph
to you directly by Air Mail, Special Delivery.

Miss Hironimus informed that she would mail the said
photograph to you today.

Very truly yours,

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Chicago, Illinois
March 6, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower Bldg.,
San Antonio, Texas

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. Unknown Subjects.
Edward George Bremer, Victim.
Kidnaping - Chicago File 7-82

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your telegram of February 27, 1934 in which you state that PAULA HARMON is alleged to have been arrested by the Rock Island, Police Department at Rock Island, Ill., on February 26, 1926, together with Leota Graham and Charles and Jim Harmon. Your telegram requested that the fingerprints and photograph of Paula Harmon be secured and that the identity of Leota Graham be established.

You are advised that through telephonic inquiry of the Rock Island Police Department, it was ascertained that the above mentioned parties were arrested at Rock Island, Illinois on Feb. 25, 1926, but that they were held as fugitives for the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Police Department and were returned to that point.

This office immediately communicated with the Kansas City Office, in consequence of which, the fingerprints of the above named parties, together with their photographs, were secured. The fingerprints have been forwarded to the Division with the request that a Wanted Notice be placed in the files concerning Paula Harmon. It is believed advisable, however, that the fingerprints of Paula Harmon and the other above mentioned parties be placed on file in various field offices and the Division is accordingly being requested to furnish the Dallas, San Antonio, Saint Louis, Saint Paul and Chicago Division Offices with photostatic copies of the fingerprints of the above noted parties, with the exception of Charles Harmon, who is now deceased.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
825 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan

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Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING, Chicago File 7-82.

Reference is had to your letter dated March 6,
1934, directed to the Saint Paul Office, copy of which was
furnished this office.

It is respectfully requested you immediately
secure and forward to this office, six copies of the photo-
graph of Maurice Brown, Michigan State Penitentiary Number
19979.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH
CC:Division
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M. H. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #765,
Cincinnati, Ohio.



NRK JH
#7-43

March 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases;
Arthur Barker, with aliases;
Unknown Subjects;
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to telegram from the Chicago Office, dated March 4, 1934, requesting that a list of towns in Indiana in which fires occurred between January 15th and February 10th, 1934, be secured, there is attached hereto a list of the reports of fires as filed away by the State Fire Marshal's Office at Indianapolis, Ind.

These records are first filed by counties and the counties are then divided into cities, towns and townships.

The Fire Marshal's Office, however, made it plain that all reports have not been received covering the period in question, stating that some of the officials whose duty it is to make reports on fires are dilatory about reporting.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Klein,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul Office

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Fires which have been reported to the office of
The State Fire Marshal, at Indianapolis, Indiana,
as having occurred between Jan. 15th and
February 10, 1934.

Date of Fire	Place of Fire County	City or Township	Type of Bldg.	Owner or agent
Jan. 15	Adams	Decatur	Garage	Sheriff's garage
26	Allen	Fort Wayne	Wood bin	Ralph P. Dunn
29	"	"	Dwelling	Mrs. M. Lahmeyer
28	"	"	"	Sam Simmons
15	"	"	"	Citizens Trust Co.
19	"	"	"	O. Harris
27	"	"	"	Claude Beresot
29	"	"	"	W. H. Logan
28	"	"	"	W. Rhinehart
20	"	"	"	Mrs. C. Strausser
29	"	"	"	1st. Nat'l Bank
31	"	"	Hotel	Geo. Donaro
30	"	"	Barn	J. A. Brateman
21	"	"	"	J. C. Seculoss
22	"	"	Store	Old 1st Nat. Bank
21	"	"	Drugstore	Aug. Reidmiller
30	"	"	Candy store	Lennart & Ortlieb
17	"	"	Plumbing	J. Thompsonson
17	"	"	Dwelling	Mrs. R. Brough
18	"	"	"	Fred Blythe
19	"	"	"	L. Lancaster
19	"	"	"	E. Buchan
28	"	"	"	Bert Lee
31	"	"	"	H. Kreinbrink
21	"	"	"	Citizens Trust Bank
21	"	"	"	E. Herman
16	"	"	"	The A.M.E. Parsonage
17	"	"	"	J. Cramer
Feb. 6	"	New Haven	"	Mrs. Pauline Rich
Jan. 31	"	Cedar Creek Twp.	"	Arthur Dawson
Feb. 8	"	Jackson Twp.	"	(T) Anspach
Jan. 29	Bartholomew	Columbus	"	Helen E. Cosand
29	"	"	Barn	Mary Vengange
30	"	Union Twp.	Dwelling	Bert Parker
30	Benton	Fowler Twp.	"	Chas. Stewart
15	Blackford	Licking Twp.	Factory	Johnson Glass Co.
Feb. 4	"	"	Dwelling	Mrs. C. M. Harvey
8	"	Hartford City	"	Mrs. Jack Bresnahan
14	Boone	Lebanon	Business	Maude Witt
9	"	"	Dwelling	Arbuckle heirs
9	"	"	"	Ed Emsert
Jan. 30	Brown	Van Buren Twp.	"	James Swain
Feb. 9	"	"	"	Samuel Agnes
8	Carroll	Washington Twp.	"	Chas. Crockett
Jan. 27	"	Transport	"	Anton Orman

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Date	County	City or Twp.	Bldg.	Owner or agent.
Jan. 31	Cass	Logansport	Dwelling	Florian Kelley
Feb. 5	"	"	"	S. B. Melvaine
9	"	"	"	Lyman Smith
9	"	"	"	J. E. Wickersham
10	"	"	"	Ernest Shanks
10	"	"	"	H. H. Jones
29	Clark	Jeffersonville	Factory	Geo. F. Soss Oil Co
29	"	"	Dwelling	Clyde Brooks
30	"	"	"	Anna Wright
16	"	"	"	Anna McHahan
18	"	"	"	Wm. Beldon
18	"	"	"	Fred D. Scott
10	"	"	Dwelling	John Roe
9	"	"	"	John Schmitter
9	"	"	"	Joseph W. Marrow
25	"	Charlestown	"	Jack Money
21	"	Carr Township	"	Geo. O. Smiley
1	Clay	Clay Township	"	Geo. Schaefer
29	Clinton	Forest Twp.	"	Max. P. Sellers
29	"	"	"	Chas. W. Hanco
27	"	"	"	E. F. Walker
1	"	Madison Twp.	"	Oliver Denbe
2	Crawford	English Twp.	"	Jasper Mathers
9	"	"	"	C. M. Fullenwider
28	"	Boone Twp.	"	L. O. Purcell
30	Daviess	Washington	"	Mrs. Zona Wonder
29	"	"	"	Frank Utterbach
28	"	"	"	C. B. Goodwin
27	"	"	"	Stanley Boyd
17	"	"	"	Boy Hopewell
8	"	"	Dwelling	John L. Hayes
9	"	"	Garage	Veale Twp.
1	"	"	School	Louis Howard
18	Dearborn	Veale Township	Houseboat	Geol. Barnsbach
28	"	Lawrenceburg	Dwelling	W. I. Burkan
21	"	Greendale	"	Bengenty Styer
30	Decatur	Lawrenceburg	"	J. Carl Mitchell
29	"	Greensburg	"	Vernon McGee
20	"	"	"	Ira Short
8	"	"	"	1st Joint Trust, Ft
8	DeKalb	Newville Township	Barn	John Dunn
9	"	Grant Twp.	Dwelling	D. D. Engle
9	"	Albany	"	A. E. Hinder
25	Delaware	Elkhart	"	Chas. Thornton
15	Elkhart	"	"	H. E. Barnhart
26	"	"	"	Sam Welmer
25	"	"	"	C. O. Manning
23	"	"	Apartment	Jas. Jordan
19	"	"	Dwelling	August W.
24	"	"	"	Mrs. H. T.
8	"	Goshen	"	Mrs. L.
	"	"	"	John

Date	County	City or Township	Bldg	Owner or agent
Jan. 21	Fayette	Connersville	Dwelling	Ben Cole
30	"	"	"	Chas. Gordon
Feb. 8	"	"	"	Mrs. Chas. Webster
Jan. 30	Floyd	New Albany	Dwelling-groce.	Bert Richard
17	"	"	Dwell-Dr. Office	Dr. Anna McKamy
19	"	"	Dwelling	Edward Potts
28	"	"	"	Dapauw Memorial Church
20	"	"	Business	Bert Richard
17	"	Franklin Township	Dwelling	Earl Blust
17	"	Greenville Township	Store	Herbert Ellenbrand
Feb. 9	"	Franklin Township	Dwelling	D. W. Dougherty
10	"	New Albany	"	Mrs. Clara Denny
10	"	"	"	J. Kauff
9	"	"	"	J. W. Daniel
9	"	"	"	W. H. Monahan
8	"	"	"	Joe Falk
Jan. 20	Fountain	Attica	"	Geo. Johnson
19	"	"	"	Geo. Firestin
30	"	Dovington	Auto truck	John Patterson
22	"	"	Dwelling	Wallace Phillips
28	"	"	"	Mrs. Emma Bright
18	"	Hillsboro	"	L. L. Wood
Feb. 9	"	Newtown	"	Lura D. Randolph
8	"	Veedersburg	"	J. R. Corey
1	"	Kingman	"	Ben Stearns
Jan. 30	"	Mill Creek Twp.	"	John Jackmire estate
29	Franklin	Brookville	"	Earl Becker
31	"	Blooming Grove	"	Peoples Trust Co.
20	"	Brookville Twp.	"	Alvin Kunkle
Feb. 18	"	Fairfield Twp.	Haystack	Elmer Templeton
8	"	Fairfield Twp.	Building	do.
1	"	Laurel Twp.	Dwelling	Thos. Brumbach
Jan. 30	Fulton	Newcastle	"	Prud. Life Ins. Co.
18	"	Henry Twp.	"	Wilbur Landes
29	Gibson	Princeton	"	Gibson County B.&L.Co.
30	"	"	"	Mrs. Thos. Howard
Feb. 4	"	"	Business	French Dye Cleaning
4	"	"	Dwelling	Nannie Dickson
4	"	"	"	Church of God
4	"	"	"	Mrs E. Benham
4	"	"	"	Mary Sage
4	"	"	"	John Orth
4	"	"	"	Mrs. Mary Brunner
18	"	"	"	Ellis Helsey
4	"	"	"	Mrs. Sarah McCullab
4	"	"	Church	Church of God
6	"	"	Dwelling	Rolla Grech
2	"	"	"	Mrs. Hornsby
Jan. 16	"	Owensville	"	Samuel A. Parker
Feb. 10	"	"	Garage	David P. Burd
10	"	"	"	Roy Dodd
10	"	"	Tools	Q. Wilson
10	"	"	Storage room	Arthur Emerson

Date	County	City or Township	Bldg.	Owner or agent.
Feb. 4	Gibson	Owensville	Dwelling	Mrs. Gladys Summers
Jan. 30	"	Washington Twp.	Dwelling	Jessie Flynn
29	"	Patoke Twp.	"	Martin Davis
Feb. 2	"	"	"	Arthur McCarthy
4	"	Washington Twp.	"	Bertha Hale
Jan. 30	Grant	Fairmount	"	Methodist Church
21	Greene	Jasonville	School	Jasonville City
29	"	Bloomfield	Dwelling	Mrs. Carrie Dowden
22	"	Linton	Car	Guy Patterson
26	"	"	Mill	Indiana Farm Bureau
28	"	Midland	Dwelling	G. L. Drake
28	"	Jasonville	"	L. H. Scholl
19	"	"	Dwelling & Store	Alvie Mayfield
28	"	"	Barber shop	First Nat. Bank
18	"	"	Garage	Mrs. W. G. Crow
Feb. 2	"	Bloomfield	Household goods	Edward H. Stein
7	"	Jasonville	Dwelling	Roy Stalcup
9	"	Worthington	"	Allen Newsum
7	"	"	Garage	B. & L. Assn. of Bloomfield
9	"	"	Shed	Elmer Dyer
Jan. 18	"	Wright Township	Dwelling	John Grupe
28	"	"	"	A. L. Drake
20	"	Beechcreek Twp.	Barn	Roy Becks
Feb. 4	"	"	Dwelling	Levi Smith
9	"	Richland Twp.	"	Harry R. Eddington
Jan. 30	Hamilton	Noblesville	"	Elvin Pritchard
24	"	"	"	Frank O'Neal
16	"	"	"	Walter Cloud
Feb. 9	"	"	"	Geo. Lehr
8	"	"	"	F. L. Klotz
10	"	"	School	Noblesville City
Jan. 17	Hancock	New Palestine	Barber shop	Sam Stevens, Indianapolis
18	"	"	Dwelling	do.
28	Harrison	Taylor Twp.	"	John A. Colvin
22	"	Webster Twp.	Barn	Luther Thrackett
15	"	Scott Twp.	School	Scott Twp.
30	Hendricks	Coatesville	Garage	Cora Applegate
Feb. 10	"	Danville	Dwelling	Mrs. Julius Vogel
Jan. 25	"	Middle Twp.	"	Wm. L. Hancock
30	Henry	Newcastle	"	Harry Bolser
20	"	"	"	Gay Cannon
23	"	"	"	A. Kimbrough
26	"	"	"	Ed Dolan
18	"	"	"	Leroy Mahoney
30	"	"	"	John Wilt
29	"	Middletown	"	Wayman C. Riley
Feb. 9	"	"	"	Jos. P. Prigg
2	"	"	"	Jos. Weightman
Jan. 29	Howard	Kokomo	"	Henry Ellis
30	"	"	"	D. B. Shelchmeyer
30	"	"	"	D. R. Shildmeyer
29	"	"	"	Mary Ellis

Date	County	City or Township	Bldg	Owner or agent
Jan. 30	Howard	Kokomo	Dwelling	Anna Cottingham
30	"	"	"	John Rush
26	"	"	Store	John Pyanowski
20	"	"	Dwelling	M. M. Peel
Feb. 8	"	"	"	(??) Mason
2	"	"	"	Rebecca Pummer
Jan. 21	"	Greentown	"	Mary McCann
Feb. 8	"	Clay Twp.	"	John M. Shelly
Jan. 15	Huntington	Andrews	"	R. E. McCann
Feb. 9	"	Dallas Twp.	"	Mrs. Sarah Stallings
9	"	Clearcreek Twp.	"	Harry Roth
9	Jackson	Seymour	"	Frank Meyer
10	"	"	"	Carlo Switzer
10	"	"	"	Howard R. Noe.
Jan. 30	"	Jackson Twp.	"	Wm. Kruege
Feb. 10	"	Redding Twp.	"	Henry Sullon
Jan. 31	Jasper	Rensselaer	"	Mrs. W. R. Brown
28	"	"	"	Presbyterian Church
Feb. 6	"	"	"	Ivan Carson
6	"	"	"	R. L. Bundy
Jan. 28	"	Hanging Grove Twp.	"	Robert Cook
Feb. 6	Jefferson	Madison	"	Florence Bacon
Jan. 27	Johnson	Franklin	"	Mrs. S. Ritchey
23	Knox	Bicknell	Ice Plant	Jas. Atkinson
18	"	Vincennes	Dwelling	Lara Stone
30	"	"	Dental Office	Allen Smith
24	"	"	Dwelling	Floyd Beverly
15	"	"	"	Mrs. W. W. Cassell
Feb. 9	"	"	"	Chas. Durham
10	"	"	"	Robert Lind
9	"	"	"	Louis Schmidt
9	"	Washington Twp.	"	Mrs. Everett Holmes
Jan. 16	Kosciusko	Warsaw	"	Mrs. Edith Lynch
Feb. 8	"	"	Factory	Gatke-Brake Lining Co.
Jan. 17	"	Tippecanoe Twp.	Dwelling	Dr. Thomas
16	"	Plain Twp.	"	Mrs. Geo. M. McCarter
Feb. 10	"	(Not stated)	"	Dwelling Harry Carter
Jan. 30	Lake	Gary	Drugstore	F. Stawicki
30	"	"	Church	Louis Stendlin
30	"	"	Dwelling	Mrs. Vernarge
24	"	"	"	Sam Forbes
24	"	"	"	Andrew Jackson
28	"	East Chicago	Auto	R. B. Runsey
27	"	"	"	T. Fancito
28	"	"	Tank	Ass'd Box Corp.
30	"	Whiting	Dwelling	Phil Kramel
18	"	"	Office	Davis Berry estate
26	"	Hammond	Dwelling	Paul Palko
26	"	"	"	Dan Brown
17	"	"	"	Calumet National Co.
27	"	"	"	Pressley Gourley
19	"	"	"	Oak Hill Cemetery Assn.

Date	County	City or Township	Bldg.	Owner or agent.
Jan. 20	Lake	Hammond	Dwelling	Morbeck & Fox
17	"	"	"	Blackmun Realty Co.
31	"	"	Office	C.I. & L.R.R.
Feb. 10	"	Hobart	Dwelling	Nick Ehrhardt
4	"	Gary	"	Ian Munair
8	"	Hammond	"	Fred Neubauer
3	"	Gary	"	Mrs. Krupka
2	"	"	"	Elizabeth Gray
3	"	Hammond	"	Peter Van Wilken
9	"	Gary	"	Mid City Realty Co.
9	"	"	"	Chas. Cunningham
9	"	Hammond	"	Blackmun Realty Co.
9	"	"	Garage	W. Pierce
Jan. 29	"	Lowell	Dwelling	Wm. M. Sheets
20	LaPorte	Michigan City	"	Adolph Kulda
30	"	"	"	Lillian Pelzer
17	"	Noble Township	Barn	Henry Graw
18	"	Coolspring Twp.	Dwelling	Matilda Frederick
Feb. 8	"	"	"	Norwin H. Franke
Jan. 29	Lawrence	Bulford	"	Mrs. A. Foutty
29	"	"	"	Chas. Sands
Feb. 4	"	"	Garage	Dr. A. Kimball
Jan. 19	"	Mitchell	Dwelling	Geo. Brown
Feb. 10	"	"	"	Henry Scheibe
9	"	"	"	Vernon Arnold
5	"	Shawswick Twp.	Store	Pasquale Magnus
Jan. 20	Madison Co.	Elwood	Dwelling	Marie Downham
30	"	"	"	Paul St. Clair
22	"	"	Store	Albershardt Bldg.
Feb. 10	"	"	??	O. B. Frazier
8	"	"	Dwelling	Earl Mills
10	"	"	"	Wm. Reveal
Jan. 20	"	Alexandria	"	Henry Lisby
18	"	"	"	John Davis
20	"	"	"	Joe Zieter
30	"	Fall Creek Twp.	Restaurant	Mr. Million
Feb. 19	"	Stoney Creek Twp.	Dwelling	Emma Coy
7	"	Fall Creek Twp.	"	David G. Barrett
8	"	Stoney Creek Twp.	Garage	Noah Huhtzinger
9	"	Alexandria	Dwelling	Mrs. David Reese
Jan. 29	"	"	"	Milford Craig
Feb. 8	Marion	Perry Township	"	Henry Bien
9	"	"	Truck	Henry Schnellingsburg
Jan. 16	"	Indianapolis, 201 N. West St.	Factory	Gentry Metal Co.
23	"	" 37	Dwelling	O. Withers.
21	"	" 2012 N. Tacoma	"	Nellie Kinnett
23	"	" 737 N. Denny	"	Schmidt & Schmitt
25	"	" 191 N. N.J. St.	Hotel	Paritan Hotel
23	"	" 6165 N. Delaware	Dwelling	J. H. Miles
29	"	" 5407 E. 10th	"	Stella Longest
30	"	" 1470 N. Penna.	"	F. B. Johnson
29	"	" 314 W. Vermont	"	L. E. Perkins

Date	County	City or Township	Bldg.	Owner or agent.
Jan. 23	Marion	Indianapolis, 833 California	Dwelling	Walter Price
15	"	" 1433 W. Ohio	"	Harry Shearn
25	"	" 610 Bright	"	John D. Brosnan
31	"	" 1220 N. Ills.	Apartment	Dr. Taylor
31	"	" 2802 E. Washington	Drug	Catherine Pfau
26	"	" 823 Prospect	Dwelling	Lilly Crowley
31	"	" 1506 Prospect	Garage	Fletcher Ave. B. & L.
26	"	" ??	Dwelling	Tom McGrath
24	"	" 711 Hoach St.	"	H. Reading
21	"	" 62 Caven St.	"	Ray O'Neal
Feb. 5	"	" 534 Minerva	"	Sam Parks
Jan. 28	"	" 723 Hadley	"	Mrs. Oswald
Feb. 10	"	" 756 Indiana	"	C. M. Hawkins
10	"	" 334 Indiana	Restaurant	Feiber Realty Co.
10	"	" 916 W. 11th	Dwelling	Lama McOughty
Jan. 29	"	" 2201 N. New Jersey	"	H. Martin
26	"	" 916 Fairfield	"	Nellie McMahan
30	"	" 601 N. Arlington	Club	Pleasant Run Club
30	"	" 2915 Ruckle	Dwelling	C. K. Cooch
Feb. 8	"	" 2116 Brookside	"	J. P. Burchard
Jan. 30	"	" 1128 Carrollton	"	Railroad B. & L. Assn
27	"	" 633 E. 10th	Apartment	J. B. Hugler
16	"	" 2022 Moway	Dwelling	M. H. Kemper
20	"	" 1310 Ewing	"	C. R. Elrod
24	"	" 1011 Windsor	"	Mr. West
30	"	" 2205 N. Alabama	"	Max Pollak
29	"	" 2024 N. Delaware	"	Z. M. Downs
29	"	" 2253 Hillside	Factory	Farris Pump Mfg. Co.
29	"	" 2410 N. Alabama	Dwelling	Mary Krafft
28	"	" 2031 Yandes	"	Bertha Brown
17	"	" 3965 Guilford	"	Chas. Simpson
16	"	" 1347 N. Layman	"	W. B. Grimes
20	"	" 618 N. New Jersey	"	Groves Real Est. Co.
20	"	" 2142 Eastern	"	R. R. B. & L. Assn
31	"	" 1628 N. Arsenal	"	Alice Shea
Feb. 5	"	" 2122 Park	"	A. L. Hendricks
9	"	" 112 N. DeQuincy	"	J. L. VanZandt
Jan. 30	"	" 309 E. 10th St.	"	Glen B. Halston
Feb. 8	"	" 87 N. Irvington	"	J. E. Rosenberg
Jan. 31	"	" 1638 N. Arsenal	"	E. B. Hemstead
Feb. 5	"	" 1655 Martindale	"	J. S. Kruse & Co.
Jan. 19	"	" 1523 Broadway	"	J. C. Ebert
Feb. 9	"	" 650 N. Beville	"	S. S. LaMar
9	"	" 2028 Broadway	"	E. H. Jettering
9	"	" 4717 Hookwood	"	C. E. Hinsley
9	"	" 1709 N. Ills.	"	Lola Cohen
8	"	" 2126 S. New Jersey	"	Mutual Fire Ins. Co.
4	"	" 1721 S. East	"	Frank Davis
8	"	" 52 N. Tacoma	"	Wm. G. Burns
Jan. 11	"	" 6290 College	"	Dr. L. W. Kirkley
25	"	" 610 Spring St.	"	Anna L. Meyers
28	"	" 2212 Sheldon	"	Anna Watkins
Feb. 5	"	" 1319 Cornell	"	W. E. Jones

Date	County	City or Township	Bldg.	Owner
Feb. 2	Marion	Indianapolis, 4601 College	Drugstore	Smith Realty Co.
4	"	" 1600 E. 21st St.	Foundry	Amer. Lead Co.
3	"	" ??	Factory	L. W. Ott
Jan. 30	"	" ??	"	Colonial Furn. Co.
Feb. 6	"	" ??	Dwelling	M. Hays
Jan. 27	"	" ??	"	Mrs. Sagalowsky
21	"	" ??	"	C. Ridd
29	"	" ??	"	E. D. Duden
Feb. 3	"	" ??	"	Geo. Haney
9	"	" ??	"	Underwood
5	"	" ??	"	Mrs. Campbell
8	"	" ??	"	Frank Rajer
Jan. 26	Marshall	Bräman	"	C. N. Heister
18	"	Bourbon	Barber shop	Henry Brinkley
29	Martin	Loogootes	Dwelling	Leonidas H. Thomas
Feb. 9	Miami	Peru	"	Hostettler estate
8	"	"	"	L. E. Ager
10	"	"	"	Alvin Baba
9	"	Peru Twp.	"	Chester Sansaman
Jan. 30	Monroe	Bloomington	"	Harvey Brown
29	"	"	"	Elmer Livingstone
29	"	"	"	Tom Lampler
30	"	"	"	Anna Demaree
29	"	"	"	C. A. Barnhall
Feb. 10	"	"	"	Walter Rogers
4	"	"	"	Celia Kahn
8	"	"	"	John Bales
5	"	"	"	Elza Baker
2	"	"	"	Joseph Hensley
2	"	"	"	Mrs. C. C. Spencer
7	"	"	"	Hughes Lumber Co.
6	"	"	"	E. D. Connell
2	"	"	"	Mrs. Emma Hainey
Jan. 19	"	Polk Twp.	"	Jake Houshous
26	"	Richland Twp.	Barn	Clarence Crandall
25	"	Polk Twp.	Dwelling	John West
25	Montgomery	Crawfordsville	Dwelling & Theatre	Vanderschmidt & Co
30	"	"	Dwelling	F. H. Clements
Feb. 9	"	"	"	Mrs. Beth N. Booe
9	"	"	"	John Porter
3	"	"	"	Mrs. Agnes Cook
Jan. 28	"	Ladoga	"	Floyd Mangus
29	"	"	"	Amanda Hostetter
29	Morgan	Mooreville	"	Rosa Jackson
29	"	"	"	Chas. Bryant
29	"	"	"	Dean Templeton
30	Newton	Jackson Twp.	"	Edson Cartas
Feb. 4	"	Washington Twp.	"	Otto Hearth
8	Noble	Pendleville- Kendallville	"	Edward Amos
10	"	Kendallville	"	Mike Schuman
7	"	"	"	Albert Fox
Jan. 24	"	Albion	"	Ehas. Scott
Feb. 9	Orange	French Lick	"	John C. Robbins heirs

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Jan. 31	Orange	French Lick Twp.	School	Township
19	Owen	Spencer	Dwelling	Geo. Kirschner
Feb. 5	"	"	"	Cecil M. Brown
5	"	"	Barn	Owen County
Jan. 21	Parke	Howard Township	Dwelling	Otto L. Reddick
Feb. 5	"	Raccoon Twp.	"	Mrs. Ben Sellers
9	"	Liberty Twp.	"	Geo. Bradahan
Jan. 29	Perry	Tell City	Undertaking Est.	Albert Ziegelgruber
29	"	Oil Township	Dwelling	Jesse Sturgeon
21	Pike	Patoka Twp.	"	Ed Wells
16	Porter	Washington Twp.	Barn-shed	P. H. Kipp
31	Posey	Mt. Vernon	Dwelling	L. M. Strock
31	"	"	"	Dave Aldrich
21	"	"	"	T. B. Brown
Feb. 6	"	"	"	Mrs. Chas. Milton
Jan. 20	"	Block Twp.	"	John Durrell
Feb. 8	Pulaski	Van Buren Twp.	"	Barnest E. Compton
Jan. 29	Putnam	Greencastle	"	J. Pensend
29	"	"	"	J. F. Land
Feb. 2	"	"	"	Chas. Sellers
Jan. 29	"	Clinton Twp.	"	Mrs. Nellie P. Bicknell
Feb. 7	Randolph	Union City	Dental Office	Dr. Fred Beaty
Jan. 31	"	Ward Twp.	Dwelling	W. A. Witmore
31	"	"	"	James P. Alexander
31	"	"	"	Dr. Chas. E. Spitler
Feb. 9	"	"	"	Evangeline Baughan
9	Rush County	Rush-C Union Twp.	"	Robert Miller
Jan. 29	Shelby	Shelbyville	"	Mary Comey
17	"	"	"	Lucin Arbuckle
Feb. 3	"	"	Auto	Ehas. Stewart
2	"	"	Dwelling	Mrs. Anna Curry
8	"	"	"	Fred Deitzer
8	"	"	"	Royal Flanning
5	"	Morristown	"	Mutual Loan Co.
2	"	"	Armory	Indiana Natl Land Co
1	"	Van Buren Twp.	Barn	Margaret Smith
3	"	Sugar Creek Twp.	Dwelling	Dr. O. H. McDonald
Jan. 29	Spencer	Rockport	"	Ida Lacey
Feb. 7	"	"	"	Wm. Partridge
6	"	"	"	Henry Hoch
3	"	"	"	Edward Bresler
Jan. 29	"	Hammond Twp.	"	Felix Arnold
25	"	Luce Twp.	"	James O. Patty
Feb. 1	Steuben	Angola	"	E. D. Renery
2	"	"	"	Clyde Leinniger
9	"	Clear Lake Twp.	"	Walter M. Smith
Jan. 29	Sullivan	Sullivan	"	Central B. & L.
29	"	"	"	Dr. Paul Higbee
27	"	Shelbourne	Storage	Elza Woods
17	"	Farmersburg	Dwelling	Chas. H. Smith
16	"	Haddon Twp.	"	Emma Bailey
Feb. 6	"	Jefferson Twp.	"	Pliz. Hutcheson
9	Switzerland	Patriot	"	Chas. B. Gullion

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Jan. 29	Switzerland	York Twp.	Dwelling	Geo. Scott
21	"	Posey Twp.	Barn	J. B. Orr
Feb. 9	"	York Twp.	Dwelling	Elijah Brindley
9	"	Pleasant Twp.	"	Pauline Archer
Jan. 29	Tippecanoe	Sheffield Twp.	Garage	M. J. Carpenter
Feb. 7	"	Wabash Twp.	Dwelling	Grant Dyer
Jan. 30	Tipton	Sharpsville	"	Hellie Scudder
30	"	Tipton	Ice Cream factory	J. D. Addelman
30	"	"	Dwelling	Chas. Johannes
21	"	"	"	J. P. Beryfs.
26	"	"	"	Geo. Shertto
27	"	Sharpsville	"	J. E. Hawkins
28	"	"	"	Ira Vandeventer
30	"	Tipton	"	Wm. Speckbaugh
19	"	"	"	Chas. Kneese
20	"	"	"	O. f. Sharp
Feb. 9	"	"	"	Charity Katon
9	"	"	"	Pearl Byroads
5	"	"	"	Mitchell Kelley
8	"	"	"	Rafe Werner
2	"	"	"	C. H. McCarter
1	Union County	Union Township	"	Mrs. Robert Brickett
9	Vanderburgh	Center Twp.	"	City of Evansville
Jan. 31	Vigo	Terre Haute	"	Joseph Hasser
31	"	"	"	Phoenix B. & L.
30	"	"	"	L. M. McEugall
30	"	"	"	F. J. Ward
28	"	"	"	John Boyd
29	"	"	"	Oscar Young
29	"	"	"	Elia M. Carter
31	"	"	"	Joseph M. Hasser
25	"	"	Elec. Supply Bn.	Frank Conrath
29	"	Sugar Creek Twp.	Dwelling	S. C. Miller
29	"	"	"	Harry Fisher
29	"	"	"	Ben Wickhorst
29	"	"	"	Wm. E. May
29	"	"	"	Henry Giles estate
Feb. 9	"	Terre Haute	"	Emma T. Ott
7	"	"	"	J. E. Patton
5	"	"	"	Timothy Welch
10	"	"	"	Mose Dicks
Jan. 21	Wabash	Liberty Twp.	Barn	Mrs. Wm. Howard
20	Warwick	Campbell Twp.	Dwelling	John Bramer
19	"	"	"	Dennis Bros.
30	Wayne	Richmond	"	Isaac Lanning
30	"	"	"	Alice White
26	"	"	"	Chas. Wise
Feb. 10	"	"	"	Valentine Bankowsky
9	"	"	"	Herman Pilgrim
9	"	"	"	Wm. Eadler
10	Wells	Bluffton	"	Alice Summers
10	"	"	"	Soencer McCarthy

Date	County	City or Township	Bldg.	Owner
Feb. 6	Wells	Bluffton	Restaurant	Ed. Walmer
Jan. 31	White	Monticello	Dwelling	Levi Reems
Feb. 8	"	Brookston	"	Laura Matheny
9	"	"	"	J. D. Maxwell
10	"	Wolcott	Haw. store	E. J. Sibell
10	"	"	Stock room	Mrs. Maude Holdridge
5	"	Monon	Dwelling	Lafayette Brokerage Co.
9	"	"	"	W. L. Henry
Jan. 27	Whitley	Jefferson Twp.	Garage	Dewey Mosher
Feb. 1	"	Columbia City	Dwelling	Wm. Gregg
Jan. 29	"	"	Office	County Bldg.

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
March 6, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephonic request of the first instant to locate one Arthur Burdette, brother of Winona Burdette, who is alleged to be a close friend of Harry Campbell who is being sought in connection with the above entitled matter. In this connection reference is also made to your letter dated March 2, 1934, directed to the St. Paul Office.

Please be advised that immediate inquiries were made at Port Huron, Michigan, and it was ascertained that the organization known as the "Oklahoma Cowboys' Band" was not playing in that city. Upon making inquiries at Radio Station WWJ, Detroit, it was determined that the Oklahoma Cowboys' Band consisting of six members had played over the above station about four weeks ago. It was also ascertained that while engaged there they were residing at the Clifford Hotel. Inquiry at the Clifford Hotel developed that this band is barnstorming in northern Michigan and that they were scheduled to play in the Washington Theatre, Bay City, Michigan, Sunday and Monday, March 4 and 5. Special Agent Murphy of this office made the necessary investigation at Bay City and it was learned that Burdette is not a member of the above named organization, nor do any of the members know Burdette. They claimed that there are three or four other bands who have assumed similar titles and that perhaps Burdette is a member of one of these organizations. They were unable to state however where they are located and had no further information except that perhaps Radio Station CHLW, Windsor, Ontario, might know the whereabouts of one of these bands.

The above station was contacted and it was learned that a band known as the Bronco Busters had at one time played over that station, but they knew no one by the name of Burdette. It is suggested that further inquiries be made of the informants in Oklahoma for the purpose of securing more definite information regarding Art Burdette and the band with which he is alleged to be associated.

Very truly yours,

cc Division
St. Paul
Dallas
W.L.V. San Antonio

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 8, 1934



Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING. Chicago File 7-82

Reference is made to my telephonic conversation
with you on March 4, 1934, during which you requested this
office to ascertain whether the States of Indiana and
Illinois have a law compelling the towns, cities, villages
and municipalities in said states to report the occurrence
of fires during the course of a month.

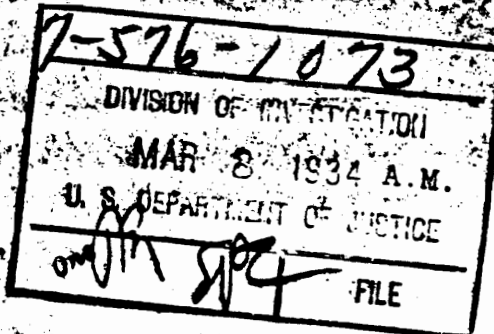
It has been ascertained that each of the said
states do have such a law. In view of the fact this office
does not have jurisdiction over Springfield, Illinois or
Indianapolis, Indiana, the Saint Louis and Cincinnati
Division Offices were requested by telegram to conduct the
necessary investigation and to furnish such information to
you and to this office.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH
CC:Division
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M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.
KIDNAPING. Chicago, No. 7-82.

It is respectfully requested that you immediately
secure from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth
Kansas, six of the best available photographs of HERMAN
KIERDOFF, alias Herman Richards, whose Leavenworth Number
is 42456.

It is understood he was sentenced to serve eighteen
months in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth,
Kansas in October, 1932, on a charge of impersonating a
Government Officer.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH
CC:Division,
St. Paul,
7-82

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 8, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Reference is made to a memorandum by Special Agent
O. G. Hall dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 19, 1934, a
copy of which is hereto attached.

Mr. Coff, County Attorney, Minneapolis, Minnesota,
stated during an interview with Agent Hall that he had informa-
tion in his files to the effect that the Karpis-Barker gang
and also the De Vals, particularly Clarence DeVal alias Colton,
were well known to Sheriff Winslow, Kirksville, Missouri, and
also to W. W. Mathis, Railroad Detective, Moberly, Missouri.

The Kansas City Division office is requested to con-
tact the above named men for any information they may have
regarding the Karpis-Barker gang and the DeVal gang.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROGER,
Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minnesota
February 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANKE,

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
St. Paul File no. 7-30.

Regarding the KARPIS-BARKER gang and the DE VALS, particularly CLARENCE DE VAL alias COLTON, the files of Mr. Goff, County Attorney, Minneapolis, Minnesota, show that W. W. MATHIN, Railroad Detective at Moberly, Missouri, knows this gang and can give information concerning them.

Sheriff WINSLOW, Kirksville, Missouri, knows this gang, also.

Very truly yours,

D. G. HALL,
Special Agent.

OGH:RWM
3 Division
9 St. Paul

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Bldg.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 9-80.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
R. L. Shivers dated February 24, 1934, wherein Edward Doll refers
to a meeting during the latter part of the summer of 1933 at
Gary, Indiana, at which meeting were present Edward Doll, Whitie
Anderson, Ed Bents, and the brother of Jack Pfeiffer.

Today I requested the Jacksonville office by letter
to thoroughly interrogate Doll with a view of ascertaining any
further information and particularly whether the location of the
hideout was discussed. Any information which may be obtained
from him indicating the place where the victims of the proposed
kidnapings were to be held should be immediately furnished this
office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROBER
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Bldg.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

In confirmation of the telephonic request from this office, it is desired that you immediately determine whether records of all fires in the State of Illinois are reported to the State Fire Marshal.

In case these fires are reported, it is desired that you ascertain the cities in which fires were reported for January 28, 1934. You may limit this investigation to the northern half of the State of Illinois.

Please telephonically advise the St. Paul office of the names of the cities north of Peoria in which fires were reported for the 28th ultimo.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

In confirmation of my telegram of this date, this is to advise you that Police Inspector Charles Tierney, St. Paul Police Department, advised me that he has received information that five suspicious men were recently seen at Glencoe, Minnesota, at which time they were driving a dark blue Buick Sedan; and when they obtained gasoline at a service station, they apparently tried to hide their faces. He stated that the license number on this Buick was Kansas, 1934 No. 16-788.

Please trace this license and furnish this office with any possible information.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.



March 5, 1934.

MAR 8 1934 PM

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 1876,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to your letter of February 28, 1934,
particularly page 3 of which relates to three unknown men in a
large car, bearing Michigan State license.

For the information of your office, please be advised
that it has been definitely determined that one of the cars used
by the kidnapers was a 1933 Buick Sedan.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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